

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2025-036

2026 DUTY JUDGE SCHEDULE

Section 26.20, Florida Statutes, requires at least one judge to be available at all times with limited notice to hold and conduct hearings. This statute also requires at least one judge be available on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and after hours on weekdays to consider motions for a temporary injunction *ex parte* in domestic violence cases.

It is necessary for the efficient and proper administration of justice in this circuit to assign a duty judge to not only consider *ex parte* temporary injunction domestic violence cases, but also preside over other priority matters after hours on weekdays and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Regularly assigned judges or coverage judges are assigned to preside over first appearance hearings, juvenile detention hearings, and juvenile shelter hearings on non-holiday weekdays. Duty judges are hereby assigned to preside over first appearance hearings, juvenile detention hearings, and juvenile shelter hearings on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is ORDERED that judges are appointed as the duty judge according to the attached schedule for the purposes expressed in this administrative order.

1. Schedule

The attached schedule assigns duty judges sequentially according to their group number in the circuit court and county court. Any judge seeking to change their duty week with another judge must e-mail the chief judge advising of the substitution and copy the court's general counsel. All changes to the duty judge schedule are posted

thereafter on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's webpage so that the most up-to-date schedule is accessible to all affected participants.

2. Duty Times

Duty judges are assigned for one-week periods, commencing at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and concluding at 7:59 a.m. the following Monday. Duty judges are expected to remain available at all times to handle their responsibilities delineated in this administrative order. On Monday holidays, the duty judge and the judge serving as duty judge for the preceding week must coordinate a time to deliver the duty judge telephone to the incoming duty judge.

3. Clearing Dockets

Duty judges should clear the dockets in their regularly assigned division(s) during the entire week of their duty judge assignment enabling them to handle efficiently all responsibilities outlined in this administrative order. If a judge maintains a docket in the judge's regularly assigned division(s) during their duty week, the judge must stop what they are doing to accommodate any duty judge responsibilities that arise.

4. Protective Injunction Cases

Duty judges are assigned to review petitions for temporary injunctions for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking (protective injunction petitions) after hours and on weekends and holidays in accordance with the following schedule:

A. Non-Holiday Weekdays

i. Time of Filing Petition

a. Petitions Filed in Tampa

Petitioners may file protective injunction petitions in person on non-holiday weekdays if they arrive to the Clerk of the Circuit Court (clerk)'s desk or are already in line at the clerk's desk in the Edgecomb Courthouse between the hours of 8:00:00 a.m. and 5:00:00 p.m. Presiding judges of Protective Injunction Divisions "G," "H," and "K" are assigned to review all protective injunction petitions assigned to Protective Injunction Divisions "G," "H," and "K" that are

filed prior to or at 3:29:59 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays. Duty judges are assigned to review these petitions when they are filed at or after 3:30:00 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays.

b. Petitions Filed in Plant City

Petitioners may file protective injunction petitions in person on non-holiday weekdays if they arrive to the clerk's desk or are already in line at the clerk's desk in the Plant City Courthouse between the hours of 8:00:00 a.m. and 5:00:00 p.m. Presiding judges of East Protective Injunction Divisions "Q," "S," and "V" are assigned to review all protective injunction petitions assigned to East Protective Injunction Divisions "Q," "S," and "V" that are filed prior to or at 3:29:59 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays. Duty judges are assigned to review these petitions when they are filed at or after 3:30:00 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays.

ii. Petition Review and Entry of Order

The clerk will notify the duty judge by e-mail that a protective injunction petition is available for review on the Judicial Automated Workflow System (JAWS) as soon as practical after the petition is filed on non-holiday weekdays. The clerk will also notify the duty judge when the last protective injunction petition of the workday has been filed and submitted to the duty judge. Upon notification, the duty judge will access JAWS to review the protective injunction petition and sign the appropriate order as soon as practical.

B. Weekends and Holidays

i. Time of Filing Petition

Petitioners may file protective injunction petitions in person on weekends and holidays if they arrive to the clerk's desk or are already in line at the clerk's desk in the Edgecomb Courthouse between the hours of 7:00:00 a.m. and 10:00:00 a.m. Duty judges are assigned to review all protective injunction petitions filed on weekends and holidays.

ii. Petition Review and Entry of Order

The clerk will notify the duty judge by e-mail that a protective injunction petition is available for review on JAWS as soon as

practical after the petition is filed on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. The clerk will also notify the duty judge when the last protective injunction petition of the day has been filed and submitted to the duty judge. Upon notification, the duty judge will access JAWS to review the protective injunction petition and sign the appropriate order as soon as practical, taking into consideration that the duty judge is also responsible on weekends and holidays to conduct juvenile shelter hearings, juvenile detention hearings, and criminal first appearance hearings.

5. Weekend and Holiday First Appearance Hearings

Duty judges are assigned to preside over first appearance hearings via audiovisual devices from Courtroom 17, Courthouse Annex, Tampa, Florida. The starting time for these hearings is posted on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's webpage.

6. Weekend and Holiday Juvenile Detention and Shelter Hearings

Duty judges are assigned to preside over juvenile detention and shelter hearings on weekends and holidays in Courtroom 16, Courthouse Annex, Tampa, Florida. The starting time for these hearings is posted on the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's webpage.

7. Emergency Medical Treatment Cases

Duty judges are assigned to consider petitions for authorization for emergency medical treatment if the assigned judge or chief judge or the chief judge's designee is unavailable.

8. Judicial Waiver of Parental Notice and Consent

Duty judges are assigned to consider petitions seeking a judicial waiver of the notice and consent requirements of section 390.01114, Florida Statutes, if, under the established procedure for assignment of these cases, the presiding judge is unable to timely consider the petition.

9. Organ Donation Cases

Duty judges are assigned to consider emergency petitions for appointment of a representative ad litem for the purposes of organ

donation if the assigned judge or chief judge or the chief judge's designee is unavailable.

10. Emergency Relief – All Other Matters

Duty judges are assigned to consider emergency motions and emergency petitions if, under the established procedures for emergency matters in the respective subject matter divisions of the courts, there is no judge present in the courthouse to consider them or they are submitted for judicial consideration after a particular time. The duty judge must determine whether an emergency exists, whether the requested relief is suitable for *ex parte* consideration if such a request is made, and whether a hearing with notice to the adverse party is required under the applicable court rules. If the duty judge determines that an emergency does not exist or denies the emergency request without a hearing, the requesting party is prohibited from presenting the request to any other judge other than the division judge to whom the case is assigned or, if application is made in an unassigned action, the division judge to whom the case will be assigned. If the duty judge determines the nature of the emergency requires that a return hearing be conducted imminently, the duty judge will conduct the return hearing personally. If the duty judge determines a hearing with notice is required but does not need to be conducted imminently, the hearing will be scheduled in the division in which the case is pending or, if application is made in an unassigned action, the division in which the case will be pending.

11. Warrants & Wiretaps

Duty judges are responsible for being available during their duty week to consider both electronic and hard-copy applications for search warrants, arrest warrants, juvenile pick up orders, inspection warrants, agricultural warrants, wiretaps, pen registers, trap and trace devices, and mobile tracking devices.

12. Hurricane & Emergency Management Plan

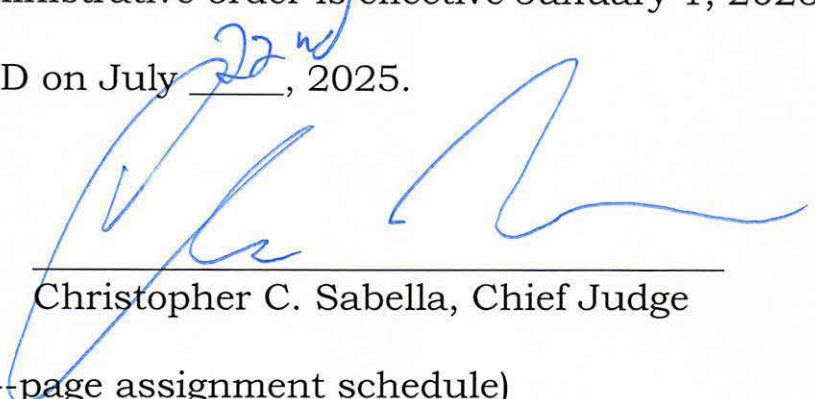
The chief judge may assign duty judges to preside over juvenile detention hearings, shelter hearings, and any other priority matters in addition to first appearance hearings on non-holiday weekdays if court facilities are closed due to a hurricane or other emergency event. The

chief judge may also designate alternate or additional duty judges to preside over these priority matters.

13. Effective Date

This administrative order is effective January 1, 2026.

ENTERED on July 22nd, 2025.



Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge

Attachment (4-page assignment schedule)

Original: Victor Crist, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Copy to: All Judges

Gina Justice, Trial Court Administrator

Brandi Williams, Chief of Criminal Courts,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Susan S. Lopez, State Attorney

Lisa B. McLean, Public Defender

Chad Chronister, Hillsborough County Sheriff

Lee Bercaw, City of Tampa Police Chief

Rob Staley, City of Temple Terrace Police Chief

Richard Mills, Jr., City of Plant City Police Chief

Charlie Vazquez, Tampa International Airport Police Chief

Kelly Hammersley, Department of Juvenile Justice

Paul Britten, Superintendent, Hillsborough Regional
Juvenile Detention Center

Ashley G. Cannon, Managing Attorney, Children's Legal
Services

Alicia Tarrant, Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office

Michelle Farquharson, Quality Management Director,
Children's Network of Southwest Florida

Scott Swartz, Managing Attorney, Office of Regional
Counsel

Lifelink Foundation, Inc., c/o Richard M. Hanchett, Esq.

DUTY JUDGE SCHEDULE 2026

(Does not reflect changes; please see www.fljud13.org for up-to-date schedule)

DUTY WEEK	FIRST APPEARANCE, DETENTION, AND SHELTER HEARINGS	JUDGE	GROUP
Monday, December 29, 2025- Sunday, January 4, 2026	Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day Saturday, January 3, 2026 Sunday, January 4, 2026	Wesley D. Tibbals*	Circuit 6
Monday, January 5, 2026- Sunday, January 11, 2026	Saturday, January 10, 2026 Sunday, January 11, 2026	Catherine M. Catlin	Circuit 7
Monday, January 12, 2026- Sunday, January 18, 2026	Saturday, January 17, 2026 Sunday, January 18, 2026	Barbara Twine Thomas	Circuit 8
Monday, January 19, 2026- Sunday, January 25, 2026	Monday, January 19, 2026 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Saturday, January 24, 2026 Sunday, January 25, 2026	Kelly A. Ayers*	Circuit 9
Monday, January 26, 2026- Sunday, February 1, 2026	Saturday, January 31, 2026 Sunday, February 1, 2026	Michael J. Hooi	Circuit 10
Monday, February 2, 2026- Sunday, February 8, 2026	Saturday, February 7, 2026 Sunday, February 8, 2026	Lindsay M. Alvarez	Circuit 11
Monday, February 9, 2026- Sunday, February 15, 2026	Saturday, February 14, 2026 Sunday, February 15, 2026	Paul L. Huey	Circuit 12
Monday, February 16, 2026- Sunday, February 22, 2026	Saturday, February 21, 2026 Sunday, February 22, 2026	Lyann Goudie	Circuit 13
Monday, February 23, 2026- Sunday, March 1, 2026	Saturday, February 28, 2026 Sunday, March 1, 2026	Mark R. Wolfe	Circuit 14
Monday, March 2, 2026- Sunday, March 8, 2026	Saturday, March 7, 2026 Sunday March 8, 2026	Lawrence M. Lefler	Circuit 15
Monday, March 9, 2026- Sunday, March 15, 2026	Saturday, March 14, 2026 Sunday, March 15, 2026	Cheryl K. Thomas	Circuit 16
Monday, March 16, 2026- Sunday, March 22, 2026	Saturday, March 21, 2026 Sunday, March 22, 2026	Christopher C. Nash	Circuit 17
Monday, March 23, 2026- Sunday, March 29, 2026	Saturday, March 28, 2026 Sunday, March 29, 2026	Alissa M. Ellison	Circuit 18
Monday, March 30, 2026- Sunday, April 5, 2026	Friday, April 3, 2026 – Good Friday Saturday, April 4, 2026 Sunday, April 5, 2026	Michael J. Scionti*	Circuit 19
Monday, April 6, 2026- Sunday, April 12, 2026	Saturday, April 11, 2026 Sunday, April 12, 2026	Laura E. Ward	Circuit 20
Monday, April 13, 2026- Sunday, April 19, 2026	Saturday, April 18, 2026 Sunday, April 19, 2026	Lisa D. Campbell	Circuit 21
Monday, April 20, 2026-	Saturday, April 25, 2026	Denise A. Pomponio	Circuit 22

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Sunday, April 26, 2026	Sunday, April 26, 2026		
Monday, April 27, 2026- Sunday, May 3, 2026	Saturday, May 2, 2026 Sunday, May 3, 2026	Mark D. Kiser	Circuit 23
Monday, May 4, 2026- Sunday, May 10, 2026	Saturday, May 9, 2026 Sunday, May 10, 2025	Melissa M. Polo	Circuit 24
Monday, May 11, 2026- Sunday, May 17, 2026	Saturday, May 16, 2026 Sunday, May 17, 2026	Robin F. Fuson	Circuit 25
Monday, May 18, 2026- Sunday, May 24, 2026	Saturday, May 23, 2026 Sunday, May 24, 2026	Joseph M. Tompkins	Circuit 27
Monday, May 25, 2026- Sunday, May 31, 2026	Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day Saturday, May 30, 2026 Sunday, May 31, 2026	Christine A. Marlewski*	Circuit 28
Monday, June 1, 2026- Sunday, June 7, 2026	Saturday, June 6, 2026 Sunday, June 7, 2026	P. Nicholas Nazaretian	Circuit 29
Monday, June 8, 2026- Sunday, June 14, 2026	Saturday, June 13, 2026 Sunday, June 14, 2026	Helene L. Daniel	Circuit 30
Monday, June 15, 2026- Sunday, June 21, 2026	Saturday, June 20, 2026 Sunday, June 21, 2026	G. Gregory Green	Circuit 31
Monday, June 22, 2026- Sunday, June 28, 2026	Saturday, June 27, 2026 Sunday, June 28, 2026	Kim Brennan	Circuit 32
Monday, June 29, 2026- Sunday, July 5, 2026	Friday, July 3, 2026 – Independence Day Observed Saturday, July 4, 2026 Sunday, July 5, 2026	Katherine G. Essrig*	Circuit 33
Monday, July 6, 2026- Sunday, July 12, 2026	Saturday, July 11, 2026 Sunday, July 12, 2026	Robert A. Bauman	Circuit 34
Monday, July 13, 2026- Sunday, July 19, 2026	Saturday, July 18, 2026 Sunday, July 19, 2026	Richard H. Martin	Circuit 35
Monday, July 20, 2026- Sunday, July 26, 2026	Saturday, July 25, 2026 Sunday, July 26, 2026	Cynthia S. Oster	Circuit 36
Monday, July 27, 2026- Sunday, August 2, 2026	Saturday, August 1, 2026 Sunday August 2, 2026	<i>Gubernatorial Appointee</i>	Circuit 37
Monday, August 3, 2026- Sunday, August 9, 2026	Saturday, August 8, 2026 Sunday, August 9, 2026	D. Michelle Sisco	Circuit 38
Monday, August 10, 2026- Sunday, August 16, 2026	Saturday, August 15, 2026 Sunday, August 16, 2026	Wendy J. DePaul	Circuit 39

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Monday, August 17, 2026- Sunday, August 23, 2026	Saturday, August 22, 2026 Sunday, August 23, 2026	Christopher C. Sabella	Circuit 40
Monday, August 24, 2026- Sunday, August 30, 2026	Saturday, August 29, 2026 Sunday, August 30, 2026	Thomas N. Palermo	Circuit 41
Monday, August 31, 2026- Sunday, September 6, 2026	Saturday, September 5, 2026 Sunday, September 6, 2026	Darren D. Farfante	Circuit 42
Monday, September 7, 2026- Sunday, September 13, 2026	Monday, September 7, 2026 – Labor Day Friday, September 11, 2026 – Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 12, 2026 Sunday, September 13, 2026	Kimberly K. Fernandez*	Circuit 43
Monday, September 14, 2026- Sunday, September 20, 2026	Saturday, September 19, 2026 Sunday, September 20, 2026	Emily A. Peacock	Circuit 44
Monday, September 21, 2026- Sunday, September 27, 2026	Monday, September 21, 2026 – Yom Kippur Saturday, September 26, 2026 Sunday, September 27, 2026	Jennifer X. Gabbard*	Circuit 45
Monday, September 28, 2026- Sunday, October 4, 2026	Saturday, October 3, 2026 Sunday, October 4, 2026	Marc S. Makhholm	County 1
Monday, October 5, 2026- Sunday, October 11, 2026	Saturday, October 10, 2026 Sunday, October 11, 2026	Lisa A. Allen	County 2
Monday, October 12, 2026- Sunday, October 18, 2026	Saturday, October 17, 2026 Sunday, October 18, 2026	Leslie K. Schultz-Kin	County 3
Monday, October 19, 2026- Sunday, October 25, 2026	Saturday, October 24, 2026 Sunday, October 25, 2026	Frances M. Perrone	County 4
Monday, October 26, 2026- Sunday, November 1, 2026	Saturday, October 31, 2026 Sunday, November 1, 2026	Michael C. Baggé-Hernández	County 5
Monday, November 2, 2026- Sunday, November 8, 2026	Saturday, November 7, 2026 Sunday, November 8, 2026	Cory L. Chandler	County 6
Monday, November 9, 2026- Sunday, November 15, 2026	Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Veterans Day Saturday, November 14, 2026 Sunday, November 15, 2026	Monique M. Scott*	County 7
Monday, November 16, 2026- Sunday, November 22, 2026	Saturday, November 21, 2026 Sunday, November 22, 2026	Jack N. Gutman	County 8
Monday, November 23, 2026- Sunday, November 29, 2026	Thursday, November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Friday, November 27, 2026 – Friday After Thanksgiving Saturday, November 28, 2026 Sunday, November 29, 2026	Jeremy R. Griner*	County 9

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Monday, November 30, 2026- Sunday, December 6, 2026	Saturday, December 5, 2026 Sunday, December 6, 2026	Miriam V. Valkenburg	County 10
Monday, December 7, 2026- Sunday, December 13, 2026	Saturday, December 12, 2026 Sunday, December 13, 2026	Christine D. Edwards	County 11
Monday, December 14, 2026- Sunday, December 20, 2026	Saturday, December 19, 2026 Sunday, December 20, 2026	Daryl M. Manning	County 12
Monday, December 21, 2026- Sunday, December 27, 2026	Thursday, December 24, 2026 – Discretionary Holiday Friday, December 25, 2026 – Christmas Saturday, December 26, 2026 Sunday, December 27, 2026	Jennifer P. Johnson*	County 13
Monday, December 28, 2026- Sunday, January 3, 2027	Thursday, December 31, 2026 – Discretionary Holiday Friday, January 1, 2027 – New Year's Day Saturday, January 2, 2027 Sunday, January 3, 2027	Melissa C. Black*	County 14

(July 21, 2025)

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