

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2019-14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES,
FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES FOR THE
CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Rule 2.215(b)(5), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the chief judge may designate a judge in any court or court division of circuit or county courts as “administrative judge” of any court or division to assist with the administrative supervision of the court or division; and

WHEREAS, the administrative judges and associate administrative judges shall be responsible to the chief judge, shall have the power and duty to carry out the responsibilities assigned by the chief judge, and shall serve at the pleasure of the chief judge; and

WHEREAS, the administrative judges and associate administrative judges assist the chief judge with the managerial, administrative and liaison duties of the chief judge with respect to the judges in the Circuit and court personnel. Administrative judges and associate administrative judges also assist with recommendations regarding assignments and reassignment of cases as necessary; assist with coverage of divisions as needed; scheduling hearing officers, magistrates, etc., as contracted with the Court; implement procedures as envisioned in administrative orders for the orderly handling of misdemeanors, traffic, felonies, non-criminal citation, juvenile matters, family law matters; civil matters and any other tasks as assigned by the chief judge to ensure the efficient operation of the Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald A. Myers, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.215, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration, order the following appointments of administrative judges and any associate administrative judges in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and County Courts, **effective January 1, 2020**,

as stated herein, and shall continue until further order of this Court unless otherwise provided herein and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent:

General Circuit Civil Division

(Orange County – includes Business Court, Probate, Mental Health, Trusts, Guardianship, and Jimmy Ryce cases)

The Honorable John Marshall Kest
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon
as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit Family Court Division

(Orange County)

The Honorable Heather L. Higbee
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Alice L. Blackwell
as Associate Administrative Judge

Unified Problem Solving Court Division

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Reginald K. Whitehead

Circuit Criminal Justice Division

(Orange County)

The Honorable Leticia Marques
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable John E. Jordan
as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit Juvenile Division

(Orange County)

The Honorable Robert J. Egan
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Patricia A. Doherty
as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit Appellate Divisions

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Kevin B. Weiss

County Court, Orange County

The Honorable Martha C. Adams as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Eric H. DuBois as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit & County Courts, Osceola County

The Honorable Jon B. Morgan as Administrative Judge of Circuit and County Courts
The Honorable Margaret H. Schreiber as Associate Administrative Judge of Circuit and County Courts
The Honorable Heather Pinder Rodriguez as Associate Administrative Judge of Domestic Courts
The Honorable Hal C. Epperson, Jr. as Associate Administrative Judge of County Court

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 16th day of October, 2019.

_____/s/_____
Donald A. Myers, Jr.
Chief Judge

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