

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2024-11

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING GENERAL MAGISTRATE  
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

In order to expedite the administration of justice in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, the Chief Judge is authorized to appoint General Magistrates. The public need requires that General Magistrates be appointed by this Court to better serve the citizens of this Circuit.

By the power vested in the chief judge under Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and rule 2.215 of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, **effective September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, unless otherwise provided herein, to continue until further order and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, it is **ORDERED**:

**FRANCE A. LOPEZ** is appointed as a General Magistrate of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. Specifically, **FRANCE A. LOPEZ** is appointed as a General Magistrate to hear all matters referred to her by the Judges of this Court, which a General Magistrate is authorized to hear, pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.490 and 1.491, Florida Probate Rule 5.697, Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure 8.257 and 8.625(h), Florida Family Law Rule 12.490, Chapters 393, 394, 397, and 744, Florida Statutes, and any other rule or statutory provision authorizing the appointment of a General Magistrate.

In her capacity as a General Magistrate, **FRANCE A. LOPEZ** shall:

1. Take the oath of office, attached hereto, which is required of officers by the Constitution of the State of Florida. The oath, along with this Administrative Order, shall be properly recorded in the official records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Orange County;

2. Perform the duties required in accordance with the above cited rules and statutes and any other rule or statutory provision authorizing the appointment of a General Magistrate, and in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct;

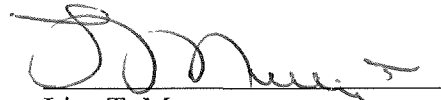
3. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar;

4. Serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge; and

5. Serve without requirement of bond.

Additionally, in her capacity as a General Magistrate, **FRANCE A. LOPEZ** may take testimony and establish a record by electronic means. The record will be made, retained, and destroyed in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.430 and administrative orders governing court reporting in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



Lisa T. Munyon  
Chief Judge

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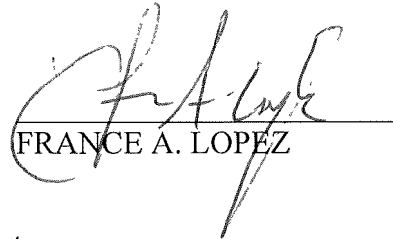
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**THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OATH OF ACCEPTANCE BY GENERAL MAGISTRATE**

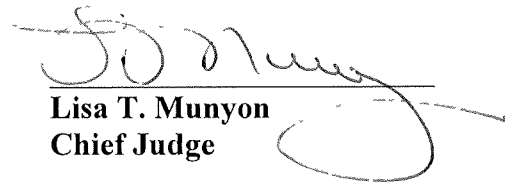
IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF **FRANCE A. LOPEZ** AS GENERAL MAGISTRATE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **FRANCE A. LOPEZ**, being personally known to me and duly qualified to serve as General Magistrate, and who, by me being first duly sworn, deposes and says,

I, **FRANCE A. LOPEZ**, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of General Magistrate for the Ninth Judicial Circuit on which I am now about to enter. So help me God.

  
FRANCE A. LOPEZ

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

  
**Lisa T. Munyon**  
Chief Judge