

**AMENDED ORDER ESTABLISHING DIVISIONS AND ASSIGNING JUDGES
TO DIVISIONS IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR 2026**

Pursuant to the authority of Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and to promote the efficient and timely disposition of judicial business in the Circuit and County Courts of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, the following Divisions and Subdivisions and assignment of Judges are hereby established, **effective immediately**, 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:

I. CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY:

| <u>Division 1 - Circuit Criminal and Jimmy Ryce Act:</u> | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Vincent Falcone, III | 10-1 |
| Judge Vincent S. Chiu | 11-1 |
| Judge John D.W. Beamer | 12-1 |
| Judge Barbara J. Leach | 14-1 |
| Judge A. James Craner | 15-1 |
| Judge Eric J. Netcher | 16-1 |
| Judge Michael J. Snure | 17-1 |
| Judge As Assigned | 18-1 (Pretrial detention hearings; other duties as assigned) |
| Judge Cherish Adams temporarily assigned pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) | |
| Judge Keith A. Carsten | 19-1 (Trial post-conviction matters not handled by SD 24-1) |
| Judge Michael Kraynick | 20-1 |
| Judge Greg A. Tynan | 22-1 |
| Judge Reginald K. Whitehead | 23-1 (In-jail arraignments; Unified Problem Solving Court Veteran's Court; Adult Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Competency Court) |
| Judge As Assigned | 24-1 (3.850, 3.853 post-conviction matters) |
| Judge Amy Carter temporarily assigned pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) | |

Division 2 - Circuit Civil:

| | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Patricia L. Strowbridge | 33-2 |
| Judge Tanya Davis Wilson | 34-2 |
| Judge Margaret H. Schreiber | 35-2 |
| Judge Kevin B. Weiss | 36-2 |
| Judge Diego M. Madrigal, III | 37-2 |
| Judge Michael Deen | 39-2 |
| Judge John E. Jordan | 40-2 |
| Judge Chad K. Alvaro | 43-2 (Business Court) |
| Judge Brian S. Sandor | 48-2 |

Division 3 - Family Court-Domestic Relations:

| | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Alicia Peyton Robinson | 29-3 |
| Judge TBD | 30-3 |
| Judge LaShawnda K. Jackson | 31-3 |
| Judge Diana M. Tennis | 38-3 |
| Judge Mikaela Nix-Walker | 42-3 |
| Judge Holly Derenthal | 47-3 |
| DOR-initiated cases | 49-3 |
| Judge Michael Murphy | 41-3 |
| Judge Luis F. Calderon | 44-3 |
| Judge Elaine A. Barbour | 45-3 |
| Judge Denise Kim Beamer | 46-3 |

Division 4 - Family Court- Delinquency and Dependency:

| | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Robert J. Egan | 03-4 (Dependency) |
| Judge Reginald K. Whitehead | 05-4 (Family Dependency Drug Court; Early Childhood Court) |
| Judge Heather Pinder Rodriguez | 07-4 (Dependency) |
| Judge Leticia Marques | 08-4 (Delinquency) |

Division 5 – Probate, Guardianships, Mental Health, Trusts:

| | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Mark S. Blechman | 01-5 |
| Judge Heather L. Higbee | 02-5 |
| Judge Alicia L. Latimore | 09-5 |

Division 11 – Chief Judge Division –

(civil and criminal trial assistance and case assignments as designated by Chief Judge)

| | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Lisa T. Munyon | 99-11 |

II. CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN OSCEOLA COUNTY:

Division A - Circuit Criminal, Juvenile Delinquency and Jimmy Ryce Act:

(includes circuit criminal cases involving domestic violence)

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| Judge Gisela T. Laurent | 10-A |
| Judge Alison Kerestes | 11-A |
| Judge Wayne C. Wooten | 12-A |
| Judge Reginald K. Whitehead | 13-A (Unified Problem Solving Court – Veteran’s Court; Adult Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Competency Court) |

Division B - Circuit Civil:

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| Judge Christine E. Arendas | 20-B (Includes Probate, Guardianships, Mental Health, and Risk Protection Orders) |
| Judge Christy C. Collins | 22-B (Includes Probate, Guardianships, Mental Health, and Risk Protection Orders) |
| Judge Chad K. Alvaro | 23-B (Business Court) |

Division C – Family Court –

Domestic Relations, Child Support Enforcement, Domestic Violence Injunctions, and Repeat/Sexual/Dating Violence/ Stalking Injunctions to be on Rotating Basis Between Subdivisions 30-C, 40-C and 43-C:

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| Judge Craig A. McCarthy | 30-C |
| Judge Laura Shaffer | 40-C |
| Judge Hal C. Epperson, Jr. | 43-C |

Division C – Dependency and Dependency-Related Dissolutions:

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| Judge Tom Young | 41-C |
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Division F – Chief Judge Division:

(case assignments as designated by Chief Judge)

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| Judge Lisa T. Munyon | 21-F |
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III. COUNTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY:

| <u>Division 6 - County Civil Division:</u> | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
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| Judge Adam McGinnis | 70-6 |
| Judge David P. Johnson | 71-6 (Winter Park) |
| Judge Eric H. DuBois | 72-6 |
| Judge Heather G. Guarch | 73-6 |
| Judge Carly S. Wish | 74-6 |
| Judge Doug Walker | 75-6 (Ocoee) |
| Judge Amy J. Carter | 76-6 |
| Judge Jeanette Dejurias Bigney | 77-6 |
| Judge Andrew Bain | 78-6 |
| Judge Martha C. Adams | 79-6 |
| <u>Division 7 - County Criminal Divisions:</u> (misdemeanor & traffic cases) | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
| Judge Elizabeth J. Starr | 61-7 |
| Judge Brian F. Duckworth | 62-7 |
| Judge Steven Miller | 63-7 |
| Judge Jeramy C. Beasley | 80-7 |
| Judge Mark A. Skipper | 81-7 |
| Judge Mark Steven Miller | 82-7 |
| Judge Andrew L. Cameron | 83-7 |
| Judge Steve Jewett | 84-7 |
| Judge Amanda S. Bova | 85-7 |
| <u>Division 8 - County Specialized Divisions:</u> | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
| Judge Faye L. Allen (Trials & misdemeanors involving domestic relations issues) | 50-8 |
| As Assigned | 51-8 (located at BRC) |
| Judge Tina L. Caraballo | 53-8 |
| As Assigned (Non-criminal infractions and ordinance violations; animal control) | 55-8 |
| Judge Cherish Adams (Duties as assigned) | 56-8 |
| <u>Division 9 - West Orange County Division:</u> | <u>Subdivision No.</u> |
| As Assigned | Ocoee |

Division 10 - Northwest Orange County Division:

As Assigned

Subdivision No.

Apopka
Winter Park

IV. COUNTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN OSCEOLA COUNTY:

Division G - County Civil:

(all county civil matters and non-criminal ordinance violations)

Subdivision No.

Judge Stefania C. Jancewicz
Judge Celia Thacker Dorn

60-G
61-G

Division H - County Criminal:

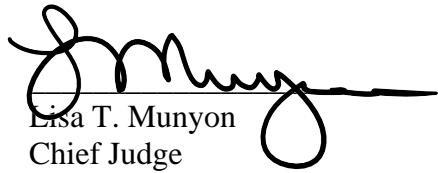
(misdemeanors, traffic, and county criminal
cases involving domestic violence, and criminal ordinance violations)

Judge Juna M. Pulayya
Judge Gabrielle N. Sanders-Morency

80-H
71-H

This Order does not preclude other secondary assignments of any Circuit Judge, nor does it preclude any Circuit Judge being given any assignment at any time in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit or in the County Courts of Orange or Osceola Counties; and this Order does not preclude other secondary assignments of any County Judge, nor does it preclude any County Judge being given any assignment at any time in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit when eligible, or in the County Court of Orange County or Osceola County when necessary for the proper administration of the courts.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 26th day of January, 2026.



Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge

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