

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

**I. CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY:**

| <b><u>Division 1 - Circuit Criminal and Jimmy Ryce Act:</u></b>       | <b><u>Subdivision No.</u></b>                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Judge Vincent Falcone, III                                            | 10-1                                                                                                                                            |
| Judge Vincent S. Chiu                                                 | 11-1                                                                                                                                            |
| Judge Sonia McDowell                                                  | 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 Keith A. Carsten                                                | 19-1 (Trial post-conviction<br>matters not handled by<br>SD 24-1)                                                                               |
| <br>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Judge Michael Kraynick                                                | 20-1                                                                                                                                            |
| Judge Gisela T. Laurent                                               | 22-1                                                                                                                                            |
| Judge Reginald K. Whitehead                                           | 23-1 (In-jail arraignments;<br>Unified Problem Solving Court<br>Veteran's Court; Adult Drug Court;<br>Mental Health Court;<br>Competency Court) |
| <br>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Judge As Assigned                                                     | 24-1 (3.850, 3.853                                                                                                                              |
| Judge Amy Carter temporarily assigned<br>pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) | post-conviction matters)                                                                                                                        |

**Division 2 - Circuit Civil:****Subdivision No.**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Judge John D.W. Beamer       | 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:****Subdivision No.**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Judge Alicia Peyton Robinson | 29-3 |
| Judge Laura Shaffer          | 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:****Subdivision No.**

|                                |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Judge Alicia L. Latimore       | 03-4 (Dependency)                                                |
| Judge Reginald K. Whitehead    | 05-4 (Family Dependency Drug<br>Court; Early Childhood<br>Court) |
| Judge Heather Pinder Rodriguez | 07-4 (Dependency)                                                |
| Judge Leticia Marques          | 08-4 (Delinquency)                                               |

**Division 5 – Probate, Guardianships, Mental Health, Trusts:****Subdivision No.**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Judge Mark S. Blechman  | 01-5 |
| Judge Heather L. Higbee | 02-5 |
| Judge Greg A. Tynan     | 09-5 |

**Division 11 – Chief Judge Division –****Subdivision No.**

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

|                      |       |
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| Judge Lisa T. Munyon | 99-11 |
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## **II. CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN OSCEOLA COUNTY:**

### **Division A - Circuit Criminal, Juvenile Delinquency and**

#### **Jimmy Ryce Act:**

(includes circuit criminal cases involving domestic violence)

#### **Subdivision No.**

Judge Hal C. Epperson, Jr.

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:**

#### **Subdivision No.**

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)

Judge Andrew Bain

24-B (*effective August 24, 2026*)  
(Includes Probate, Guardianships,  
Mental Health, and Risk  
Protection Orders)

### **Division C – Family Court –**

#### **Subdivision No.**

#### **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:**

Judge Craig A. McCarthy

30-C

Judge Therese Savona

40-C

Judge Mark A. Skipper

43-C

### **Division C – Dependency and Dependency-Related Dissolutions:**

Judge Tom Young

41-C

### **Division F – Chief Judge Division:**

#### **Subdivision No.**

(case assignments as designated by Chief Judge)

Judge Lisa T. Munyon

21-F

### **III. COUNTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY:**

#### **Division 6 - County Civil Division:**

#### **Subdivision No.**

|                                                                        |                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Judge Adam McGinnis                                                    | 70-6                                         |
| Judge David P. Johnson                                                 | 71-6 (Winter Park)                           |
| Judge Cherish Adams                                                    | 72-6                                         |
| Judge Elvis Santiago                                                   | 73-6 <i>(effective September 21, 2026)</i>   |
| Judge Carly S. Wish                                                    | 74-6                                         |
| Judge Doug Walker                                                      | 75-6 (Ocoee)                                 |
| Judge Amy J. Carter                                                    | 76-6                                         |
| Judge Jeanette Dejuras Bigney                                          | 77-6                                         |
| Judge As Assigned                                                      | 78-6 <i>(effective until August 9, 2026)</i> |
| Judge Andrew Bain temporarily assigned<br>pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) |                                              |
| Judge Stephanie Vargas                                                 | 78-6 <i>(effective August 10, 2026)</i>      |
| Judge Martha C. Adams                                                  | 79-6                                         |

#### **Division 7 - County Criminal Divisions:** (misdemeanor & traffic cases)

#### **Subdivision No.**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Judge Elizabeth J. Starr | 61-7 |
| Judge Brian F. Duckworth | 62-7 |
| Judge Steven Miller      | 63-7 |
| Judge Jeramy C. Beasley  | 80-7 |
| Judge Eric H. DuBois     | 81-7 |
| Judge Heather G. Guarch  | 82-7 |
| Judge Andrew L. Cameron  | 83-7 |
| Judge Steve Jewett       | 84-7 |
| Judge Amanda S. Bova     | 85-7 |

#### **Division 8 - County Specialized Divisions:**

#### **Subdivision No.**

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| Judge Faye L. Allen<br>(trials & misdemeanors involving domestic relations issues) | 50-8                  |
| As Assigned                                                                        | 51-8 (located at BRC) |
| Judge Tina L. Caraballo                                                            | 53-8                  |
| As Assigned<br>(non-criminal infractions and ordinance violations; animal control) | 55-8                  |
| As Assigned                                                                        | 56-8                  |

#### **Division 9 - West Orange County Division:** As Assigned

#### **Subdivision No.** 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 David Peters                                                                                                                 | 60-G |
| Judge Celia Thacker Dorn                                                                                                           | 61-G |
| Judge Stefania C. Jancewicz                                                                                                        | 62-G |
| (all eviction, replevin, and unlawful detainer cases<br>and all reopened writs of garnishment and reopened<br>claims of exemption) |      |

**Division H - County Criminal:**  
(misdemeanors, traffic, and county criminal  
cases involving domestic violence, and criminal ordinance violations)

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Judge Juna M. Pulayya              | 80-H |
| Judge Gabrielle N. Sanders-Morency | 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 6th day of August, 2026.

/s/  
Lisa T. Munyon  
Chief Judge

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