ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2025-13-09

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

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 November 16, 2026**, 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:

Division 1 - Circuit Criminal and Jimmy Ryce Act:	**Subdivision No.**
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 Ralph Seegobin	16-1
Judge Michael J. Snure	17-1
Judge Keith A. Carsten	19-1 (Trial post-conviction matters not handled by SD 24-1)
Judge Michael Kraynick	20-1
Judge Gisela T. Laurent	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 Judge Amy Carter temporarily assigned pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4)	24-1 (3.850, 3.853 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 TBD	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 TBD	38-3
Judge Michael Murphy	41-3
Judge Mikaela Nix-Walker	42-3
Judge Luis F. Calderon	44-3
Judge Elaine A. Barbour	45-3
Judge Denise Kim Beamer	46-3
Judge Holly Derenthal	47-3
DOR-initiated cases	49-3

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 Court; Early Childhood 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 – (civil and criminal trial assistance and case assignments as designated by Chief Judge)	**Subdivision No.**
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)	**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 (Includes Probate, Guardianships, Mental Health, and Risk Protection Orders)

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:	**Subdivision No.**
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: (case assignments as designated by Chief Judge)	**Subdivision No.**
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
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 Stephanie Vargas	78-6
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.**
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
As Assigned	56-8

Division 9 - West Orange County Division:	**Subdivision No.**
As Assigned	Ocoee

Division 10 - Northwest Orange County Division:	**Subdivision No.**
As Assigned	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 (all eviction, replevin, and unlawful detainer cases and all reopened writs of garnishment and reopened claims of exemption)	62-G

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

Judge Gabrielle N. Sanders-Morency	71-H
Judge Juna M. Pulayya	80-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 30th day of October, 2026.

/s/
Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge

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