

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2025-14-05

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

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES
FOR THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS FOR 2026**

Pursuant to the authority of Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, 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.

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.

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.

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 appointments of administrative judges and any associate administrative judges in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and County Courts are ordered, **effective September 8, 2026**, 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, and Guardianship)

The Honorable Margaret H. Schreiber
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Kevin B. Weiss
as Associate Administrative Judge
The Honorable Heather L. Higbee
as Associate Administrative Judge -
(Probate matters)

Circuit Family Court Division

(Orange County)

The Honorable Denise Kim Beamer
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Luis F. Calderon
as Associate Administrative Judge

Unified Problem Solving Court Division

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Reginald K. Whitehead

Circuit Criminal Justice Division

(Orange County – includes Jimmy Ryce Cases)

The Honorable Keith A. Carsten
as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable A. James Craner
as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit Juvenile Division

(Orange County)

The Honorable Heather Pinder Rodriguez
as Administrative Judge

Circuit Appellate Divisions

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Kevin B. Weiss

County Court, Orange County

The Honorable Tina L. Caraballo as Administrative Judge and
The Honorable Brian F. Duckworth as Associate Administrative Judge

Circuit & County Courts, Osceola County

The Honorable Wayne C. Wooten as Administrative Judge of Circuit and County Courts
The Honorable Christine E. Arendas as Associate Administrative Judge of Circuit and County Courts
The Honorable Stefania C. Jancewicz as Associate Administrative Judge of County Court

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 8th day of September, 2026.

/s/
Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge

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