# 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 January 1, 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 Patricia L. Strowbridge as Associate Administrative Judge The Honorable Heather L. Higbee as Associate Administrative Judge - (Probate matters)

### **Circuit Criminal Justice Division**

(Orange County – includes Jimmy Ryce Cases)

The Honorable Keith A. Carsten as Administrative Judge and The Honorable Greg A. Tynan as Associate Administrative Judge

### **Circuit Family Court Division**

(Orange County)

The Honorable Diana M. Tennis as Administrative Judge and The Honorable Denise Kim Beamer as Associate Administrative Judge

# **Circuit Juvenile Division**

(Orange County)

The Honorable Robert J. Egan as Administrative Judge

## **Unified Problem Solving Court Division**

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

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**Circuit Appellate Divisions** 

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Reginald K. Whitehead

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 21st day of October, 2025.

Lisa T. Munyon Chief Judge

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