

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2009-10**

**RE: Judicial Assignments for 2010**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Judge is required to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit;

Now, therefore, as Chief Judge, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the following judicial assignments are hereby made effective January 4, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

All Family; All Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence cases; DOR Cases

**Honorable Robert A. Hawley:**

75% Felony Cases

**Honorable Paul B. Kanarek:**

All Civil Cases

**Honorable Robert L. Pegg:**

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; 25% Felony Cases; Probate and Guardianship Cases; Adult Drug Court Cases; Juvenile Drug Court Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases

**Honorable David C. Morgan:**

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

**Honorable Joe A. Wild:**

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

**MARTIN COUNTY**

**Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:**

All Felony Cases, excluding Arraignments

**Honorable Chief Judge Steven J. Levin:**

Felony Arraignments; Felony Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony

**Honorable Robert R. Makemson:**

All Family Cases; All Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases; DOR Cases

**Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:**

All Civil Jury Cases and all Foreclosure Cases

**Honorable Gary L. Sweet:**

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; Delinquency and Dependency Drug Court Cases; All Non-Jury Civil Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; Assist with Jury Civil Trials; Probate and Guardianship Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases

**Honorable Stewart R. Hershey:**

One third of Martin County Court Cases

**Honorable Kathleen H. Roberts:**

One third of Martin County Court Cases

**Honorable Darren Steele:**

One third of Martin County Court Cases

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**

**Honorable Robert E. Belanger:**

All Felony Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases

**Honorable Larry Schack:**

All Civil Cases; All Family Cases; Probate and Guardianship Cases; Juvenile Dependency, including Shelter Hearings; DOR Cases

**Honorable Jerald D. Bryant:**

All Okeechobee County Court Cases; Truancy Court; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

**Honorable Barbara W. Bronis:**

50% Family Cases, including 50% DOR Cases; 50% Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases

**Honorable Burton C. Conner:**

All Civil Jury Cases; Probate and Guardianship Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

Mental Health Court

**Honorable Dwight L. Geiger:**

All Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily

**Honorable Chief Judge Steven J. Levin:**

Juvenile Drug Court

**Honorable James W. McCann:**

One third of Felony Cases, including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation warrants; Bond hearings; Pre-trial motions; Change of pleas; Trials; Sentencings; 3.800 motions and non-3.850 post-conviction motions (Alphabet GP-PE)

**Honorable F. Shields McManus:**

50% Family Cases, including 50% DOR Cases; 50% Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases

**Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman:**

One third of Felony Cases, including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation warrants; Bond hearings; Pre-trial motions; Change of pleas; Trials; Sentencings; 3.800 motions and non-3.850 post-conviction motions (Alphabet PF-Z)

**Honorable William L. Roby:**

All Felony Violation of Probation Cases; All Felony Arraignments; All Felony 3.850 motions; All Fast-Track Change of Pleas; Weekday First Appearance Hearings (in rotation with County Court Judges); Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Hearings one time per month for each family judge; Non-Jury Civil Cases excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosures but including trials of Residential Mortgage Foreclosures Cases; Assist with Civil Jury motions three (3) days each month

**Honorable Larry Schack:**

Adult Drug Court; Residential Mortgage Foreclosures, excluding Trials of Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

**Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:**

One-third of Felony Cases, including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation warrants; Bond hearings; Pre-trial motions; Change of pleas; Trials; Sentencings; 3.800 motions and non-3.850 post-conviction motions (Alphabet A-GO)

**Honorable Clifford H. Barnes:**

20% of All St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases; Small Claims Cases excluding Replevin Cases; One third County Ordinance Cases

**Honorable Kathryn Nelson:**

40% of All St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases; One third County Ordinance Cases; Misdemeanor Drug Court

**Honorable Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.:**

Collections Court; All St. Lucie County Court Civil Cases (other than Civil Ordinance Cases, Misdemeanors, or County Ordinance Cases); 100% Landlord/Tenant Cases, including Count II Damages Cases filed in County Civil Court and all actions arising out of any eviction filings; All Replevin Cases; Traffic Infractions involving serious injury or death; Supervision of Traffic Magistrates for all civil traffic matters; All Traffic Magistrate recusal and/or disqualification Cases; Assist with Circuit Mortgage Foreclosure matters as needed

**Honorable Philip J. Yacucci:**

40% of All St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases; One third County Ordinance Cases; Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP)

**WEEKEND FIRST APPEARANCE DUTY**

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to St. Lucie County and Okeechobee County will be responsible, in rotation with the St. Lucie County Court Judges and the Chief Judge, for Weekend First Appearances, Shelter Hearings and Detention Hearings in St. Lucie County.

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to Indian River County will be responsible, in rotation with Indian River County Judges, for Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Indian River County.

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to Martin County will be responsible, in rotation with Martin County Judges, for Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Martin County.

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to Martin County and Indian River County will be responsible, in rotation with the Okeechobee County Judge, for Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Okeechobee County. Any County Court Judge in Martin or Indian River County may choose to assist with the Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Okeechobee County.

**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES**

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger, Appellate Division  
Honorable Barbara W. Bronis, Family Division  
Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr., Criminal Division  
Honorable Burton C. Conner, Civil Division  
Honorable Gary L. Sweet, Drug Court  
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court  
Honorable Stewart R. Hershey, County Division

**APPELLATE DIVISION**

All Circuit and County Judges

**PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS -JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON**

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP.....Judge Bronis-St. Lucie  
Judge Makemson-Martin  
Judge Cox-Indian River  
Judge Schack-Okeechobee

SUPERVISED VISITATION COMMITTEE.....Judge Bronis

PRO BONO COMMITTEE .....Judge Yacucci  
Judge Geiger

ARTICLE V COMMITTEE .....Judge Conner

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM .....Judge Sweet

JURY MANAGEMENT .....Judge Wild

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION .....Judge Walsh

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Judge Morgan, Chair

Members: Judge Roby, Judge Kanarek, Judge Levin,  
Judge Bauer, Judge Belanger, Judge Hawley

**FUTURE GROWTH AND SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE**

Judge Conner, Chair

Members: Judge Bronis, Judge Morgan, Judge Yacucci,  
Judge Levin, Judge Belanger, Judge Roby

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Judge Levin, Chair

Members: Judge Belanger, Judge Conner,  
Judge Nelson, Judge Pegg, Judge Roby

**DONE and ORDERED** in quadruplicate in Stuart, Martin County, Florida on this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 2009.



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STEVEN J. LEVIN  
Chief Judge

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