

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-03**

**RE: Judicial Assignments for 2012**

**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 23, 2012, except as otherwise noted.

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

All Civil Cases

**Honorable Robert A. Hawley:**

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; Probate and Guardianship; Adult Drug Court Cases; Juvenile Drug Court Cases; Dependency Drug Court Cases; All CINS/FINS Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Member of the Indian River County Children Services Council

**Honorable Paul B. Kanarek:**

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

**Honorable Robert L. Pegg:**

100% Felony Cases\*

\*Effective October 1, 2011

**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 Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; All Civil Non Jury cases, including all motions and all pretrial matters (from time of filing) and all Jimmy Ryce cases; Probate and Guardianship; Delinquency and Dependency Drug Court Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Member of Martin County Children Services Council

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

Felony Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony

### **Honorable F. Shields McManus:**

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

### **Honorable James W. McCann:**

All Civil Jury Trial Cases and Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

### **Honorable William L. Roby:**

All Felony 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

### **Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:**

All Civil Cases; All Family Cases; Probate and Guardianship Cases; Juvenile Dependency including Shelter Hearings; DOR Cases; All Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence 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; Juvenile Drug Court; Member of Okeechobee County Children Services Council

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

**Honorable Robert E. Belanger:**

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure cases

**Honorable Barbara W. Bronis:**

50% Family Cases, including 50% DOR Cases; 50% Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases (Alphabet M-Z)

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

Mental Health Court

**Honorable Dwight L. Geiger:**

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

**Honorable Mark W. Klingensmith:**

50% Family Cases, including 50% DOR Cases; 50% Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence Cases (Alphabet A-L)

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

Juvenile Drug Court; Adult Drug Court

**Honorable Robert R. Makemson:**

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 H-PA)

**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 PB-Z)

**Honorable Larry Schack:**

All Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; Model Dependency Court Administrative Judge; Member of St. Lucie County Children Services Council;

**Honorable Gary L. Sweet:**

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-G)

**Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:**

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

**Honorable Clifford H. Barnes:**

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

**Honorable Kathryn Nelson:**

40% of All St. Lucie County Court Criminal 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; 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; 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, 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 Sherwood Bauer, Jr., Appellate Division  
Honorable Paul B. Kanarek, Family Division\*  
Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman, Criminal Division  
Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger, Civil Division  
Honorable Steven J. Levin, Drug Court  
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court  
Honorable Stewart R. Hershey, County Division  
\*Effective August 1, 2011

**APPELLATE DIVISION**

All Circuit and County Judges

**PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS -JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON**

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP.....Judge Bronis-St. Lucie  
Judge McManus-Martin  
Judge Kanarek-Indian River  
Judge Metzger-Okeechobee

SUPERVISED VISITATION COMMITTEE.....Judge Bronis

PRO BONO COMMITTEE .....Judge Geiger  
Judge McManus

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 Levin, Chair

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

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Judge Levin, Chair

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

**DONE and ORDERED** in quadruplicate in Stuart, Martin County, Florida on this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 2011.

  
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STEVEN J. LEVIN  
Chief Judge

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