

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014 - 09**

**RE: Judicial Assignments for 2015**

**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 5, 2015.

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

All Civil Cases; Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; Mental Health Court

**Honorable Victoria L. Griffin:**

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

**Honorable Paul B. Kanarek:**

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection

**Honorable Robert L. Pegg:**

All Felony 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 Laurie E. Buchanan:**

All Domestic Relations Cases and Injunctions for Protection

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

Felony Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony

**Honorable F. Shields McManus:**

All Civil Jury Trial Cases and Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

**Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:**

All Felony Cases

**Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman:**

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), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure cases; 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 Curtis L. Disque:**

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 Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:**

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection; Felony Cases: Assist with Juvenile Dependency Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Assist with St. Lucie County Residential Foreclosure cases

**Honorable Gary L. Sweet:**

All Civil Cases; All Probate and Guardianship; Assist with Felony Cases; Juvenile Dependency including Shelter Hearings; Assist with St. Lucie County Residential Foreclosure cases

**Honorable Jerald D. Bryant:**

All Okeechobee County Court Cases; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Truancy Court; Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; Member of Okeechobee County Children Services Council

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

**Honorable Appointee:**

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

**Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:**

Assist with Residential Mortgage Foreclosure cases

**Honorable Robert E. Belanger:**

One-third of Felony Cases (A-Ge of alphabet) including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation Warrants; Bond Hearings; Pre-trial Motions; Change of Pleas; Trials; Sentencing; 3.800 motions and 3.850 post-conviction motions; Violation of Probation Cases; Arraignments; All Fast-Track Change of Pleas; All Veteran's Court Cases

**Honorable Barbara W. Bronis:**

43% Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (Mc-Z of alphabet)

**Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:**

Mental Health Court

**Honorable Michael C. Heisey:**

25% Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (A-Di of alphabet); All Juvenile Dependency Cases; Shelter Hearings daily

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

Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court; Assist Mental Health Court

**Honorable James W. McCann:**

One-third of Felony Cases (Gf-Pf of alphabet) including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation Warrants; Bond Hearings; Pre-trial Motions; Change of Pleas; Trials; Sentencing; 3.800 motions and 3.850 post-conviction motions; Violation of Probation Cases; Arraignments; All Fast-Track Change of Pleas

**Honorable William L. Roby**

Non-Jury Civil Cases, including Residential Mortgage Foreclosures; Weekday First Appearance Hearings (in rotation with County Court Judges)

**Honorable Charles A. Schwab**

32% Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (Dj-Mb of alphabet); All Delinquency Cases; Detention Hearings; Member of St. Lucie County Children Services Council

**Honorable Gary L. Sweet:**

Assist with Residential Mortgage Foreclosure cases

**Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:**

One-third of Felony Cases (Pg-Z of alphabet) including review of Arrest and Violation of Probation Warrants; Bond Hearings; Pre-trial Motions; Change of Pleas; Trials; Sentencing; 3.800 motions and 3.850 post-conviction motions; Violation of Probation Cases; Arraignments; All Fast-Track Change of Pleas

**Honorable Clifford H. Barnes:**

40% of all County Court Criminal Cases (Mf-Z of alphabet); All County Ordinance Cases

**Honorable Kathryn Nelson:**

20% of all County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); Small Claims Cases including Replevin; 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 (D-Me of alphabet); 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 Lawrence M. Mirman, Appellate Division
- Honorable Paul B. Kanarek, Domestic Relations Division
- Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr., Criminal Division
- Honorable Gary L. Sweet, Civil Division
- Honorable Steven J. Levin, Drug Court
- Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court

**APPELLATE DIVISION**

All Circuit and County Judges

**PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS -JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON**

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP.....Judge Bronis-St. Lucie  
Judge Buchanan-Martin  
Judge Kanarek-Indian River  
Judge Bauer-Okeechobee

PRO BONO COMMITTEE .....Judge Schwab

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM .....Judge Sweet  
Judge McManus

JURY MANAGEMENT .....Judge Wild

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION .....Judge Walsh

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Judge Morgan, Chair


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

**FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Judge Levin, Chair

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

**DONE and ORDERED** in quadruplicate in Stuart, Martin County, Florida on this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 2014.

  
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STEVEN J. LEVIN  
Chief Judge

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