

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-06

RE: Judicial Assignments for 2019

WHEREAS, Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215 states that “[t]he chief judge shall assign judges to the courts and divisions, and shall determine the length of each assignment”;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215, it is **ORDERED**, effective **January 2, 2019**, the assignments for the judges in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are as follows:

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:

All Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection, Mental Health Court/Veterans’ Court

Honorable Janet C. Croom:

All Civil Cases

Honorable Michael J. Linn:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases, including Detention and Shelter Hearings; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; Felony, Delinquency and Dependency Drug Court Cases; All CINS/FINS Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; Member of the Indian River County Children’s Services Council; Assist with Mental Health Court and Veterans Court

Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:

All Felony Cases

Honorable David C. Morgan:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

Honorable (to be elected):

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

MARTIN COUNTY

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

All Juvenile Dependency Cases, including Shelter Hearings; 75% of Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; Felony Drug Court; Member of the Martin County Children's Services Council

Honorable Michael J. McNicholas:

All Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Mental Health Court; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; Assist with Felony, Family, Civil and Juvenile Divisions; Assist with Felony Drug Court

Honorable William L. Roby:

All Civil Jury Trial Cases and Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; Assist with Civil Non-Jury Cases

Honorable Kathleen H. Roberts:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Martin County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Darren Steele:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; All Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Assist with Felony Cases

Honorable Jennifer A. Alcorta Waters:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Assist with Juvenile Drug Court; Supervision of Traffic Magistrates for all Civil Traffic matters; 25% of Circuit Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Honorable Laurie E. Buchanan:

All Civil Cases; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; Assist with Felony Cases; All Juvenile Dependency Cases, including Shelter Hearings; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Truancy Court; Juvenile Drug Court; Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court; Assist with Mental Health Court; Member of the Okeechobee County Children's Services Council

Honorable Michael C. Heisey:

All Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection; All Felony Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings as Juvenile Judge

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:
Mental Health Court

Honorable (to be elected):
All Okeechobee County Court Cases;

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Honorable Robert E. Belanger:
One-third of Felony Cases; All Veterans' Court Cases

Honorable Barbara W. Bronis:
All Civil Jury Trial Cases; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases

Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:
Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Victoria L. Griffin:
50% of Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection (L-Z of alphabet);
Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings as Juvenile Judge

Honorable James W. McCann:
50% of Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection (A-K of alphabet);

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:
Assist with Mental Health Court, Drug Court, Family, Felony, Civil and Juvenile Divisions

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

Honorable Charles A. Schwab:
One-third of Felony Cases; Assist with Adult Drug Court; Assist with Juvenile Drug Court; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases

Honorable Gary L. Sweet:
One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable (to be elected):
All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases, including Shelter and Detention Hearings; Member of St. Lucie County Children's Services Council

Honorable Edmond W. Alonzo:

All County Court Civil Cases and Landlord/Tenant Cases; All Traffic Infractions involving serious injury or death; All Traffic Magistrate recusals and/or disqualifications; 30% of Small Claim Cases including Replevin

Honorable Daryl Isenhower:

20% of County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); 70% of Small Claims Cases including Replevin; All Collections Court

Honorable Kathryn Nelson:

40% of County Court Criminal Cases (Mf-Z of alphabet); St. Lucie County Misdemeanor Drug Court

Honorable Philip J. Yacucci:

40% of County Court Criminal Cases (D-Me of alphabet); Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP); All County Ordinance Cases

WEEKEND FIRST APPEARANCE

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to St. Lucie County and Okeechobee County will be responsible, with the St. Lucie County Court Judges, 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 and Indian River County may choose to assist with the Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Okeechobee County.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

Honorable Steven J. Levin, Drug Court
Honorable Janet C. Croom, Civil Division
Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Criminal Division
Honorable Robert E. Belanger, Veterans' Court
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court
Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman, Appellate Division
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Domestic Relations Division/Unified Family Court¹

¹ Includes Juvenile Division

APPELLATE DIVISION

All Circuit and County Judges

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP Judge Griffin-St. Lucie
Judge McNicholas-Martin
Judge Cox – Indian River
Judge Heisey-Okeechobee

PRO BONO COMMITTEE.....Judge Schwab

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM.....Judge Sweet

JURY MANAGEMENT..... Judge Morgan

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION.....Judge Steele

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Judge Morgan, Chair

Members: Judge Belanger, Judge Bronis, Judge Buchanan,
Judge Levin, Judge Metzger, Judge Mirman, Judge Roby

FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Judge Schwab, Chair

Members: Judge Bauer, Judge Belanger, Judge Mirman,
Judge Morgan, Judge Yacucci, Judge Metzger

DONE AND ORDERED in Stuart, Martin County, Florida September 14, 2018.


ELIZABETH A. METZGER
Chief Judge

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