

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-06

RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Fla.R.Gen. Prac. & Admin 2.215 states that “the 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.Gen.Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.215, it is **ORDERED** the assignments for the judges in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are as follows:

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vacant (To be filled by executive appointment)

All Domestic Relations Cases; including Injunctions for Protection; Assist with Mental Health Court/Veteran’s Court

Honorable Cynthia Cox:

All Civil Cases

Honorable Victoria Griffin:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases, including Detention and Shelter Hearings; All CINS/FINS Cases; Oversee Truancy court; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; All substance abuse and mental health court cases (i.e., Baker and Marchman Act cases); All Risk Protection Order Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; Member of the Indian River County Children’s Services Council; Responsible for all post-conviction relief motions/hearings

Honorable Robert Meadows:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Nicole Menz:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases; Mental Health Court; Veterans’ Court; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Robyn E. Stone:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases; Felony drug court cases; County Election Canvassing Board

MARTIN COUNTY

Honorable Sherwood Bauer:

All Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection

Honorable Michael McNicholas:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases including Detention and Shelter Hearings; All CINS/FINS Cases; Oversee Truancy court; 75% of Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing), excluding Residential and Commercial Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; All substance abuse and mental health court cases (i.e., Baker and Marchman Act); Member of the Martin County Children's Services Council

Honorable Steven Levin:

All Felony Drug Court cases

Honorable Elizabeth Metzger:

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

Honorable William Roby:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Kathleen H. Roberts:

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

Honorable Darren Steele:

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

Honorable Jennifer A. Alcorta Waters:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony and Juvenile Drug Court; Supervision of Traffic Magistrates for all Civil Traffic matters; Assist Circuit Civil Non-Jury Cases- 25% (from time of filing) excluding Residential and Commercial Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; County Election Canvassing Board

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Honorable Laurie Buchanan:

50% of all Domestic Relations cases including Injunctions for Protection (all even assigned DR case numbers); All Felony Cases; All substance abuse and mental health court cases (i.e., Baker and Marchman Act); All Risk Protection Order Cases; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; All Jimmy Ryce Cases

Honorable Rebecca Ivy White:

50% of all Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (all odd assigned DR case numbers); All Civil Cases; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; All Dependency Cases, including daily Shelter Hearings; All CINS/FINS Cases; Oversee Truancy Court; Assist with Mental Health Court; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases, Early Childhood Court

Honorable William Wallace:

All Okeechobee County Court Cases; Assist with Felony Drug Court cases; Mental Health Court; Veteran's Court; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Assist with Truancy Court; Assist with Probate cases; Member of the Okeechobee County Children's Services Council

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Honorable Janet Croom:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases, including Shelter and Detention Hearings; Oversee all CINS/FINS Cases; Oversee Truancy Court; Member of St. Lucie County Children's Services Council

Honorable Michael Heisey:

One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable Steven Levin:

All Non-Jury Civil Cases, including Residential and Commercial Mortgage Foreclosures; All Probate and Guardianship Cases (and corresponding MH cases); Weekday First Appearance Hearings (in rotation with County Court Judges); All civil forfeiture cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases

Honorable Michael Linn:

One-third of Felony Cases; Assist Felony Drug Court

Honorable Lawrence Mirman:

One-third of Felony Cases; Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Leatha Mullins:

50% of Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection (A-K of alphabet); Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings

Honorable Anastasia Norman:

50% of Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection (L-Z of alphabet); Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings

Honorable Charles Schwab (Chief Judge):

Mental Health Court; Felony Drug Court; Assist with all dockets throughout the circuit, including Civil and Criminal trials

Honorable Brett Waronicki:

All Civil Jury Trial Cases; All substance abuse and mental health court cases (i.e. Baker and Marchman Act); All Risk Protection Order Cases

Honorable Edmond W. Alonzo:

All St. Lucie 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; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Jeffrey Hendriks:

40% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (D-Mo of alphabet); All County Ordinance Cases; County Election Canvassing Board; Veteran's Court

Honorable Daryl Isenhower:

20% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); 70% of Small Claims Cases including Replevin; All Collections Court; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Kathryn Nelson:

40% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (Mp-Z of alphabet); Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP); County Election Canvassing Board

WEEKEND FIRST APPEARANCE

All Circuit Court Judges assigned to St. Lucie 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 Okeechobee, Martin and Indian River Counties 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 or be scheduled to assist with the Weekend First Appearances and Shelter Hearings in Okeechobee County.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Domestic Relations Division/Unified Family Court¹

Honorable Lawrence Mirman, Criminal Division

Honorable Elizabeth Metzger, Civil Division

Honorable Michael Linn, Appellate Division

Honorable Steven J. Levin, Problem-Solving Courts

APPELLATE DIVISION

All Circuit and County Judges

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP

St. Lucie..... Judge Mullins

Martin Judge Bauer

Indian River TBD

Okeechobee Judge White

PRO BONO COMMITTEE..... Judge Buchanan

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM..... Judge Isenhower

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION..... Judge Steele

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Judge Hendriks, Chair

Members: Judge Buchanan, Judge Cox, Judge

Mullins, Judge Roberts, Judge Roby, Judge Schwab

**FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Judge Schwab, Chair

Members: Judge Bauer, Judge Metzger,

Judge Mirman, Judge Wallace, Judge White

¹ Includes Juvenile Division

TRIAL COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

Judge Schwab, Chair

Members: Judge Heisey, Judge Hendriks, Judge Linn,
Judge Menz, Judge Waters, Judge Wallace

All assignments rotations shall be effective January 8, 2024.

DONE AND ORDERED in Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, this 5th day of October,
2023.



Charles Schwab
Chief Judge