

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES ORDER

July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000

Whereas, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050 requires the Chief Judge to develop an administrative plan for all courts within this circuit that is “compatible with the development of the capabilities of the judges in such a manner that each judge will be qualified to serve in any division;”

Whereas, the geography of this circuit requires temporary assignments of county judges in circuit court to provide prompt disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, *see*, Article V, Section 11(b), Florida Constitution, and relevant case law requiring that the assignment of circuit court jurisdiction to a county judge be temporary; it is therefore

ORDERED the assignments set forth in this Assignment Order shall be reflected within a Master Calendar which is published at least annually and revised as needed based upon order of the Chief Judge and The Master Calendar is hereby incorporated to this General Assignment Order.

The judicial assignments for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the above-stated period are as follows:

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Hon. Nath C. Doughtie Administrative Judge | Alachua | “K” (50% draw) |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris | Alachua | “J” (50% draw) |
| Robert P. Cates | Union | Circuit Civil Division |
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Baker and Bradford | Circuit Civil Division |
| Hon. Maurice V. Giunta | Gilchrist and Levy | Circuit Civil Division |

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
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| Hon. Chester B. Chance Administrative Judge | Alachua | Division I (A-E), and Division II (F-K) |
| Hon. Martha Ann Lott | Alachua Gilchrist and Levy | Division III (L-R) Criminal Division |

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
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| Hon. Larry G. Turner | Alachua Bradford and Baker | Division IV (S-Z) Criminal Division |
| Robert P. Cates | Alachua Union | Felony Compliance Criminal Division |

APPELLATE DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

The Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division is Robert P. Cates. The Panels as assigned below will sit as contemplated by the Master Calendar and Admin. Ord. No. 2.1091. All petitions for writ in the appellate division will be assigned to the Administrative Judge.

| Panel | Panel Members | | |
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| February 3, 2000 | Hon. Stan R. Morris* | Hon. W. O. Beauchamp, Jr. | Hon. Chester B. Chance |
| June 1, 2000 | Hon. Larry G. Turner* | Hon. Nath C. Doughtie | Hon. Maurice V. Giunta |
| August 3, 2000 | Hon. Martha Ann Lott* | Hon. Frederick D. Smith | Robert P. Cates |
| November 2, 2000 | Hon. Stan R. Morris* | Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Hon. W. O. Beauchamp, Jr. |

* These panel members are assigned as the “primary” judge for pre-panel proceedings per Admin. Ord. 2.1090(A).

Family Court Division Assignments

Family Court assignments include Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency and Domestic Violence.

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Hon. Frederick D. Smith Administrative Judge | Alachua | All Pro Se cases and Div. “H”, which consists only of the additional cases needed to make up a 50% draw; and Friday Detention Hearings |
| Hon. Peter K. Sieg | Alachua | “F” (50% draw) and Juvenile Dependency & Mon & Tues Detention Hearings |
| Hon. W. O. Beauchamp | Alachua | Juvenile Delinquency, Domestic Violence, NFETC, Drug Court & Wed & Thurs Detention Hearings |
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Baker and Bradford | Family Division |

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Robert P. Cates | Union | Family Division |
| Hon. Maurice V. Giunta | Gilchrist & Levy | Family Division |

PROBATE ASSIGNMENTS

For purposes of this section, Probate assignments shall include cases in probate, incapacity, guardianship and trust, and cases arising under Chapters 945, 394, 397, 415 and 916, Florida Statutes, commonly referred to as the Baker and Marchman Acts including those hearings conducted at North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center.

| Judge | County | Division/Assignment |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Hon. Nath C. Doughtie Administrative Judge | Alachua | “A” (50% draw) |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris | Alachua | “B” (50% draw) |
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Baker and Bradford | Probate Division |
| Hon. Maurice V. Giunta | Gilchrist and Levy | Probate Division |
| Robert P. Cates | Union Alachua | Probate Division Baker and Marchman Acts |

PROCEDURE FOR CALENDARING CIRCUIT COURT CASES

All cases under circuit court jurisdiction shall be calendared before the circuit judge assigned to the division in which the case has been filed. When a rule, statute or procedure mandates expedited judicial action on a matter and the judge assigned to the division is unavailable, the Chief Judge shall assign a judge to hear the case or cases pursuant to this order. The acting, presiding judge will be the next available circuit judge or a county judge in the county of jurisdiction.

TRIAL WEEK JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Jury Trials will be scheduled during the first four weeks of the month. The first trial week will begin the first Monday of the month. Except as approved by the Chief Judge, judges of the divisions set forth below will schedule trials and reserve their calendar as primary and back-up judges, as indicated, until it has been determined that trials are covered circuitwide.

| Trial Week One | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Alachua County | Circuit Civil | Division K & J |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Civil Back-up | County Civil | Division IV |
| Levy County | Circuit Civil | |
| Bradford County | Circuit Civil | |

| Trial Week Two | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Alachua County | Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal | Division I & II Division III |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up | County Civil | Division V |
| Union County | Circuit Criminal Felony/Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Court | |

| Trial Week Three | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Alachua County | Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal | Division IV Division I |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up | County Civil | Division IV |
| Bradford County | Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal | |
| Baker County | Circuit Criminal Felony/Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Court | |

| Trial Week Four | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Alachua County | Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal | Division III Division II |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up | County Civil | Division V |
| Levy County | Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal | |

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| Gilchrist County | Circuit Criminal Felony/ Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Court |
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An exception to this assignment is that the Bradford, Baker, Levy and Gilchrist Circuit Judges will not reserve civil trial weeks on their calendar.

The Master Calendar includes schedule changes due to holidays and conferences, which affect the assignments in this section. The Master Calendar is incorporated into this assignment calendar and should be referred to when holidays and judicial conferences arise.

MISCELLANEOUS INTERNAL ASSIGNMENTS

Hon. Chester B. Chance is assigned administrative judge responsible for the mid-day lunch judicial focus groups.

COUNTY DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALACHUA COUNTY

| Judge | Division/Assignment* |
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| Hon. Ysleta McDonald Administrative Judge | Criminal Division I |
| Hon. Aymer L. Curtin | Criminal Division II |
| Hon. Jeanne D. Crenshaw | Criminal Division III |
| Hon. James P. Nilon | Civil Division IV |
| Hon. Phyllis D. Kotey | Civil Division V |

*These assignments take effect on July 17, 2000.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS CIRCUIT JUDGES

Hon. Jeanne D. Crenshaw, Hon. Aymer L. Curtin, Hon. Phyllis D. Kotey, Hon. Ysleta W. McDonald, Hon. James P. Nilon, Hon. Joseph M. Williams, Hon. Johnny R. Hobbs, Jr., Hon. Edward Philman, Hon. Joseph E. Smith, and Hon. David L. Reiman, County Court Judges for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union Counties are hereby temporarily appointed Circuit Judges for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Under this appointment they are vested with all and singular powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida as a Circuit Judge on a temporary basis to hear, conduct and determine all matters which are presented to them as follows:

1. **Temporary injunctions in domestic** and repeat **violence** cases under §§741.30 and 784.046, Florida Statutes;
2. **Baker and Marchman Act** cases and cases arising under Chapters 394, 397, 415, 916, and 945, Florida Statutes;
3. **Juvenile detention** hearings under Chapters 39, 984 and 985, Florida Statutes;
4. **Medical treatment** and examination cases arising under Chapters 415, 743, 39, 390, 765, 400, 381, 384, 393, 916, 394, and 945, Florida Statutes;
5. Any matters arising **during on-call or back-up duty judge hours** when the duty judge is a County Court Judge;
6. Orders of **Arrest** and Orders of **Release** for civil contempt which arise pursuant to hearing and recommendation of the **Child Support Enforcement** Hearing Officer.
7. hear, conduct and determine all matters pertaining to **bail** in felony cases at first appearance hearings, even though a circuit judge may have initially set bail upon the issuance of a capias, **EXCEPT** in the following instances:
 - a. any alleged offense within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court where a Circuit Judge endorsing the capias bail specifically provides that such bail shall not be reduced except upon order of a Circuit Judge;
 - b. where a sentence for contempt has already been imposed;
8. **Arrest warrants** and **search warrants**, including petitions, motions or applications;
9. Conduct **first appearance** for all arrestees who are being detained pursuant to an order of arrest for **civil contempt connected with child support enforcement** and, unless designated as “do not adjust” on the arrest order, to order release and reduce purge amount upon the arrestee signing the Notice to Appear and agreeing to return for further hearing before the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer;

**ASSIGNMENTS OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES OF THE EIGHTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO OTHER COUNTIES WITHIN THE CIRCUIT**

Inasmuch as it is necessary for the orderly administration of the County Courts of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, the various County Court Judges of the circuit are appointed to hear, conduct, and determine matters of county court jurisdiction which are presented to them in all counties of the circuit.

This order supersedes all prior General Assignment of Judges Orders.

ORDERED on June 28, 2000.

/s/
ROBERT P. CATES, CHIEF JUDGE