

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES ORDER
March 19, 2001 through June 30, 2001

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*, Art. V, § 11(b), Fla. Const., and *Judges of the Polk County Court by Herring, v. Ernst*, 615 So. 2d 276 (2d DCA 1993) (assignment of circuit court jurisdiction to a county judge must be temporary); it is therefore

ORDERED the assignments set forth in this order are reflected on a Master Calendar which is hereby incorporated. The Master Calendar is published annually and may be revised as needed by order of the Chief Judge.

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

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

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

PROBATE ASSIGNMENTS

For purposes of this section, Probate assignments include cases involving probate, incapacity, and guardianship, 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” (Even Cases)
Hon. Chester B. Chance	Alachua	“B” (Odd Cases)
Hon. Toby S. Monaco	Alachua	NFETC Hearings
Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Baker and Bradford	Probate Division
Hon. Robert P. Cates	Gilchrist and Levy	Probate Division
Hon. Stan R. Morris	Union Alachua	Probate Division Baker and Marchman Cases

FAMILY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Family Court assignments include Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency, Domestic Violence, Family cases and all Drug Courts.

Judge	County	Division/Assignment
Hon. Frederick D. Smith Administrative Judge	Alachua	Division “H” Family Pro Se cases; Domestic Violence; All Drug Courts and Monday Detention Hearings
Hon. Peter K. Sieg	Alachua	Division “F” 50% draw of Family cases; Juvenile Dependency and Tuesday & Friday Detention Hearings
Hon. Toby S. Monaco	Alachua	Division “M” 50% draw of Family cases; Juvenile Delinquency and Wednesday & Thursday Detention Hearings
Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Baker & Bradford	Family Division
Hon. Stan R. Morris	Union	Family Division
Hon. Robert P. Cates	Gilchrist & Levy	Family Division

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Division/Assignment
Hon. Martha Ann Lott Administrative Judge	Alachua	Division I (A-E), and Division II (F-K)
Hon. Larry G. Turner	Alachua Gilchrist and Levy	Division III (L-R) Criminal Division
Hon. Maurice V. Giunta	Alachua Bradford and Baker	Division IV (S-Z) Criminal Division
Hon. Stan R. Morris	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		
January 29, 2001	Hon. Elzie S. Sanders*	Robert P. Cates	Hon. Stan R. Morris
May 3, 2001	Hon. Frederick D. Smith*	Hon. Peter K. Sieg	Hon. Maurice V. Giunta
August 2, 2001	Hon. Chester B. Chance*	Hon. Larry G. Turner	Hon. Martha Ann Lott
November 1, 2001	Hon. Stan R. Morris*	Hon. Toby S. Monaco	Hon. Nath C. Doughtie

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

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 I
Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up	County Civil	Division V
Union County	Circuit Criminal Felony/Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Court	
Levy County	County Court Criminal	

Trial Week Three		
Alachua County	Circuit Criminal Felony County Court Criminal	Division IV Division II
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 III
Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up	County Civil	Division V
Gilchrist County	Circuit Criminal Felony/ Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Court	
Levy County	Circuit Criminal Felony	

An exception to this assignment is that the Bradford, Baker, Levy and Gilchrist Circuit Judges with Family or Civil assignments 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
Hon. Ysleta McDonald Administrative Judge	Criminal Division III
Hon. Aymer L. Curtin	Criminal Division I
Hon. Jeanne D. Crenshaw	Criminal Division II
Hon. James P. Nilon	Civil Division IV; Mental Health Court
Hon. Phyllis D. Kotey	Civil Division V

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 and Shelter** 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 March 19, 2001.

/s/
STAN R. MORRIS, CHIEF JUDGE