

**IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES ORDER**  
*July 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002*

*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**

| <b>Judge</b>                                   | <b>County</b>      | <b>Division/Assignment</b>                                      |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Hon. Chester B. Chance<br>Administrative Judge | Alachua            | “J”   |
| Hon. Larry G. Turner                           | Alachua            | “K”   |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris                            | Alachua<br>Union   | “W” Extraordinary Writs<br>Circuit Civil<br>Extraordinary Writs |
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders                          | Baker and Bradford | Circuit Civil<br>Extraordinary Writs                            |
| Hon. Robert P. Cates                           | Gilchrist and Levy | Circuit Civil<br>Extraordinary Writs                            |

### PROBATE ASSIGNMENTS

For purposes of this section, Probate assignments include cases involving probate, incapacity, guardianship, and cases arising under chapters 384, 392, 393, 394, 397, 415, 765, 916, 945, §381.04(3)(h)(10) &(11) and §390.01115(4) Florida Statutes, including Baker and Marchman Acts hearings and hearings conducted at North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center.

| <b>Judge</b>                                   | <b>County</b>      | <b>Division/Assignment</b>                      |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Hon. Chester B. Chance<br>Administrative Judge | Alachua            | "B" (Odd Cases)                                 |
| Hon. Larry G. Turner                           | Alachua            | "A" (Even Cases)                                |
| Hon. Frederick D. Smith                        | Alachua            | "Q" NFETC Cases                                 |
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders                          | Baker and Bradford | Probate   |
| Hon. Robert P. Cates                           | Gilchrist and Levy | Probate   |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris                            | Alachua<br>Union   | "S" (includes Baker, Marchman cases)<br>Probate |
| Hon. Martha Ann Lott                           | Alachua            | "R" Jimmy Ryce (A-K)                            |
| Hon. Peter K. Sieg                             | Alachua            | "R" Jimmy Ryce (L-R)                            |
| Hon. Maurice V. Giunta                         | Alachua            | "R" Jimmy Ryce (S-Z)                            |

### FAMILY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

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

| <b>Judge</b>                                | <b>County</b> | <b>Division/Assignment</b>  |
|---|---------------|---|
| Hon. Toby S. Monaco<br>Administrative Judge | Alachua       | "M"; Juvenile Delinquency; and Wednesday<br>and Thursday Detention Hearings                           |
| Hon. Frederick D. Smith                     | Alachua       | "H" Pro Se; "P" DOR cases; "V" Domestic<br>Violence; All Drug Courts and Monday<br>Detention Hearings |
| Hon. Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.               | Alachua       | "F"; Juvenile Dependency; and Tuesday &<br>Friday Detention Hearings                                  |

| <b>Judge</b>          | <b>County</b>    | <b>Division/Assignment</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Baker & Bradford | Family                     |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris   | Union            | Family                     |
| Hon. Robert P. Cates  | Gilchrist & Levy | Family                     |

#### **CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**

| <b>Judge</b>                                 | <b>County</b>                 | <b>Division/Assignment</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hon. Martha Ann Lott<br>Administrative Judge | Alachua                       | I (A-E), and II (F-K)      |
| Hon. Peter K. Sieg                           | Alachua<br>Gilchrist and Levy | III (L-R)<br>Criminal      |
| Hon. Maurice V. Giunta                       | Alachua<br>Bradford and Baker | IV (S-Z)<br>Criminal       |
| Hon. Stan R. Morris                          | Union                         | Criminal                   |

#### **APPELLATE DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**

The Administrative Judge of the Appellate Division is Stan R. Morris. The Panels as assigned below will sit as contemplated by the Master Calendar and Admin. Ord. No. 2.1091.

| <b>Panel</b>    | <b>Panel Members</b>     |                       |                        |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| May 2, 2002     | Hon. Frederick D. Smith* | Hon. Robert P. Cates  | Hon. Maurice V. Giunta |
| August 1, 2002  | Hon. Larry G. Turner*    | Hon. Elzie S. Sanders | Hon. Peter K. Sieg     |
| October 3, 2002 | Hon. Stan R. Morris*     | Hon. Martha Ann Lott  | Hon. Toby S. Monaco    |

\* These panel members are assigned as the “primary” judge for pre-panel proceedings. See Admin. Ord. 2.1090(A) (1999).

#### **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 circuit wide.

| <b>Trial Week One</b>             |               |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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 |                |

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

| <b>Trial Week Three</b>              |  |                            |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Alachua County                       | Circuit Criminal Felony<br>County Court Criminal | Division IV<br>Division II |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up | County Civil                                     | Division IV                |
| Bradford County                      | Circuit Criminal Felony<br>County Court Criminal |                            |

|                                      |   |                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Baker County                         | Circuit Criminal Felony/Civil<br>(alternating months - Felony beginning January)<br>County Court  |                              |
| <b>Trial Week Four</b>               |   |                              |
| Alachua County                       | Circuit Criminal Felony<br>County Court Criminal  | Division III<br>Division III |
| Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up | County Civil  | Division V                   |
| Gilchrist County                     | Circuit Criminal Felony/ Civil<br>(alternating months - Felony beginning January)<br>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 effect 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<br>Administrative Judge | Civil IV                          |
| Hon. Aymer L. Curtin                         | Criminal I                        |
| Hon. Jeanne D. Crenshaw                      | Criminal II                       |
| Hon. James P. Nilon                          | Criminal III; Mental Health Court |

| Judge                 | Division/Assignment |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Hon. Phyllis D. Kotey | Civil 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** sections 741.30 and 784.046, Florida Statutes; and repeat **violence** cases under
2. **Juvenile detention** hearings (in delinquency cases) and **Shelter** Chapters 39 and 984, Florida Statutes and hearings under sections 985.213, 215, Florida Statutes (detention hearings);
3. **Mental health and medical treatment**, examination or testing cases arising under Chapters 39, 384, 392, 393, 394, 397, 415, 765, 916, and 945; and sections 381.04 (3)(h)(10) & (11) and 390.01115 (4), Florida Statutes;
4. Any matters arising **during on-call or back-up duty judge hours**;
5. Orders of **Arrest** and Orders of **Release** for civil contempt upon the **Child Support Enforcement** Hearing Officer's recommendation.
6. Hear and determine all **bail** issues in felony cases at first appearance hearings, even though a circuit judge initially set bail upon the issuance of a *capias* or a warrant, **except** where a sentence for contempt has already been imposed;
7. **Arrest warrants** and **search warrants**, including petitions, motions or applications;

8. Conduct **first appearance** for arrestees who are 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 the 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 replaces all prior General Assignment of Judges Orders.

**ORDERED** on June 14, 2002.

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/s/  
STAN R. MORRIS, CHIEF JUDGE