

**IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES ORDER**  
*Amended for January 5, 2004, through July 4, 2004*

*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 or Assignment</b>
Hon. Chester B. Chance Administrative Judge	Alachua	“J” Circuit Civil
Hon. Toby S. Monaco	Alachua	“K” Circuit Civil
Hon. Stan R. Morris	Alachua Union	“W” Extraordinary Writs Circuit Civil Extraordinary Writs
Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Baker and Bradford	Circuit Civil Extraordinary Writs
Hon. Maurice V. Giunta	Gilchrist and Levy	Circuit Civil Extraordinary Writs

### PROBATE ASSIGNMENTS

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

<b>Judge</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Division or Assignment</b>
Hon. Chester B. Chance Administrative Judge	Alachua	“B” (Odd Cases)
Hon. Toby S. Monaco	Alachua	“A” (Even Cases)
Hon. Martha Ann Lott	Alachua	“Q” NFETC Cases; “S” Mental Health
Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Baker and Bradford	Probate and Mental Health
Hon. Maurice V. Giunta	Gilchrist and Levy	Probate and Mental Health
Hon. Stan R. Morris	Union	Probate and Mental Health
Hon. Larry Gibbs Turner	Alachua	“R” Jimmy Ryce cases (A-K)
Hon. Peter K. Sieg	Alachua	“R” Jimmy Ryce cases (L-R)
Hon. Robert P. Cates	Alachua	“R” Jimmy Ryce cases (S-Z)

### FAMILY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

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

<b>Judge</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Division or Assignment</b>
Hon. Frederick D. Smith Administrative Judge	Alachua	“N” & “P” Department of Revenue cases; “M” Domestic Relations cases; Adult Drug Court.
Hon. Martha Ann Lott	Alachua	“H” Domestic Relations cases, All Simplified Dissolutions; Division 2 Juvenile Delinquency

<b>Judge</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Division or Assignment</b>
Hon. Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.	Alachua	“F” Domestic Relations cases; Juvenile Dependency and shelter hearings; CINS and FINS hearings; Div 1 Juvenile Delinquency; and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Detention Hearings; Juvenile Dependency Drug Courts.
Hon. David A. Glant	Alachua	“V” All Domestic, Repeat and Dating Violence cases; “AA” Domestic Relations cases; Monday Detention Hearings
Hon. Ysleta W. McDonald	Alachua	Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court
Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Baker & Bradford	Family; Juvenile Court
Hon. Stan R. Morris	Union	Family; Juvenile Court
Hon. Maurice V. Giunta	Gilchrist & Levy	Family; Juvenile Court

#### CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

<b>Judge</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Division or Assignment</b>
Hon. Larry Gibbs Turner Administrative Judge	Alachua	I (A-E), and II (F-K)
Hon. Peter K. Sieg	Alachua Bradford and Baker	III (L-R) Criminal
Hon. Robert P. Cates	Alachua Gilchrist and Levy	IV (S-Z) Criminal
Hon. Martha Ann Lott	Alachua	V (Incompetency Cases)
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>		
April 1, 2004	Hon. Frederick D. Smith*	Hon. Martha Ann Lott	Hon. Larry Gibbs Turner
June 3, 2004	Hon. Robert P. Cates*	Hon. David Glant	Hon. Chester B. Chance
September 2, 2004	Hon. Toby S. Monaco*	Hon. Peter K. Sieg	Hon. Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.
December 2, 2004	Hon. Stan R. Morris*	Hon. Elzie S. Sanders	Hon. Maurice V. Giunta

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

<b>Trial Week Three</b>		
Alachua County	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	Division III Division II
Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up	County Civil	Division IV
Bradford County	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	
Baker County	Circuit Criminal/Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Criminal	

<b>Trial Week Four</b>		
Alachua County	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	Division IV Division III
Alachua Co. Circuit Criminal Back-up	County Civil	Division V
Gilchrist County	Circuit Criminal/ Civil (alternating months - Felony beginning January) County Criminal	
Levy County	Circuit Criminal	

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

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Division or Assignment</b>
Hon. Ysleta McDonald Administrative Judge	Civil IV
Hon. Aymer L. Curtin	Criminal I A-G
Hon. Jeanne D. Crenshaw	Criminal II H-N
Hon. James P. Nilon	Criminal III O-Z; Misdemeanor Mental Health Court
Hon. Phyllis D. Kotey	Civil V

### TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT 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, Repeat, Sexual and Dating violence** cases under Sections 741.30 and 784.046, Florida Statutes;

2. **Juvenile detention** hearings (delinquency) and **shelter** hearings (dependency) under Chapters 39 and 984, Florida Statutes; sections 985.213, 215, Florida Statutes (detention hearings); and sections 39.013 and 39.402, Florida Statutes (appointment of counsel for parents);
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; and
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 adjust 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.

Additionally, to provide prompt disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, all county court judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit are temporarily appointed as circuit court judges to adjudicate any issue pending in any circuit court case in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

#### **TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF CIRCUIT JUDGES AS COUNTY COURT JUDGES**

To provide prompt disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, all circuit court judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit are temporarily appointed to adjudicate any pending issue in any county court case in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

**ASSIGNMENT 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 December 31, 2003.

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STAN R. MORRIS, CHIEF JUDGE