

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

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-08

RE: Judicial Assignments for 2016

WHEREAS, Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215 states that “[t]he 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. Jud. Admin. 2.215, it is **ORDERED**, effective **January 4, 2016**, the assignments for the judges in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are as follows:

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:

All Felony Cases; Mental Health Court/Veteran’s Court

Honorable Victoria L. Griffin:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; Probate and Guardianship; Adult Drug Court Cases; Delinquency and Dependency Drug Court Cases; Assist with Mental Health Court; All CINS/FINS Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Member of the Indian River County Children Services Council

Honorable Paul B. Kanarek:

All Civil Cases

Honorable Robert L. Pegg:

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection

Honorable David C. Morgan:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

Honorable Joe A. Wild:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases

MARTIN COUNTY

Honorable Barbara W. Bronis:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; All Civil Non-Jury Cases, (from time of filing), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; Probate and Guardianship; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Member of Martin County Children Services Council

Honorable Laurie E. Buchanan:

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection; Assist with Felony Mental Health Court and Drug Court

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

Felony Drug Court

Honorable F. Shields McManus:

All Civil Jury Trial Cases and Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony, Civil and Juvenile Divisions

Honorable Lawrence Mirman:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Curtis L. Disque:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Assist with Felony Cases; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases; Juvenile Drug Court; Supervision of Traffic Magistrates for all Civil Traffic matters

Honorable Kathleen H. Roberts:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases

Honorable Darren Steele:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Honorable Gary L. Sweet:

All Civil Cases; All Probate and Guardianship; Assist with Felony Cases; Juvenile Dependency including Shelter Hearings; Assist with St. Lucie County Residential Foreclosure Cases

Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection; All Felony Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Assist with St. Lucie County Residential Foreclosure Cases.

Honorable Jerald D. Bryant:

All Okeechobee County Court Cases; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Truancy Court; Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; Member of Okeechobee County Children Services Council

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:

50% Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (L-Z of alphabet)

Honorable Robert E. Belanger:

One-third of Felony Cases; All Veteran's Court Cases

Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:

Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Janet C. Croom:

All Civil Jury Cases; Probate and Guardianship; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases

Honorable Michael C. Heisey:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases; Shelter and Detention Hearings daily; Member of St. Lucie County Children Services Council

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

One-third of Felony Cases; Adult Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court

Honorable James W. McCann:

One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Assist with Felony, Civil and Juvenile Divisions

Honorable William L. Roby:

Non-Jury Civil Cases, including Residential Mortgage Foreclosures; Weekday First Appearance Hearings (in rotation with County Court Judges)

Honorable Charles A. Schwab:

50% Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (A-K of alphabet)

Honorable Gary L. Sweet:

Assist with Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

Honorable Daryl Isenhower:

20% of all County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); All Small Claim Cases including Replevin

Honorable Kathryn Nelson:

40% of all County Court Criminal Cases (Mf-Z of alphabet); St. Lucie County Misdemeanor Drug Court; 50% of County Ordinance Cases

Honorable Nirlaine T. Smartt:

All County Court Civil Cases and Landlord/Tenant Cases; All Traffic Infractions involving serious injury or death; All Traffic Magistrate recusals and/or disqualifications; All Collections Court

Honorable Philip J. Yacucci:

40% of all St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (D-Me of alphabet); Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP); 50% of County Ordinance Cases

WEEKEND FIRST APPEARANCE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

Honorable Robert E. Belanger, Veteran's Court
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court
Honorable Steven J. Levin, Criminal Division/Drug Court
Honorable Shields McManus, Civil Division
Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman, Appellate Division
Honorable Charles Schwab, Domestic Relations Division/Unified Family Court¹

APPELLATE DIVISION

All Circuit and County Judges

¹ Includes Juvenile Division

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUPJudge Schwab-St. Lucie
Judge Buchanan-Martin
Judge Pegg – Indian River
Judge Vaughn-Okeechobee

PRO BONO COMMITTEE.....Judge Schwab

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM.....Judge Sweet
Judge McManus

JURY MANAGEMENT.....Judge Wild

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION..... Judge Disque

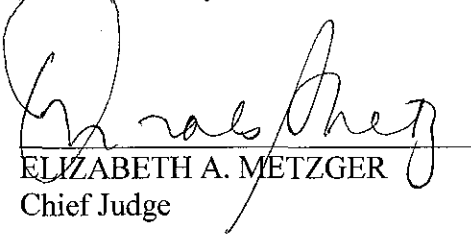
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Judge Morgan, Chair
Members: Judge Bauer, Judge Belanger, Judge Kanarek, Judge Levin, Judge McManus,
Judge Metzger, Judge Mirman

FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Judge Metzger, Chair
Members: Judge Bauer, Judge Belanger, Judge Mirman, Judge Morgan, Judge Yacucci

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate in Stuart, Martin County, Florida this 28th
day of December, 2015.


ELIZABETH A. METZGER
Chief Judge

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