

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

**THIRD AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-15**

RE: Judicial Assignments for 2018

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**, 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/Veterans’ Court

Honorable Victoria L. Griffin:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases including Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; Felony, Delinquency and Dependency Drug Court Cases; All CINS/FINS Cases; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; Member of the Indian River County Children’s Services Council

Honorable Paul B. Kanarek:

All Civil Cases

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Assist with Drug Courts and Probate and Guardianship 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 including Detention and Shelter Hearings daily; All Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

Felony Drug Court

Honorable Michael J. McNicholas:

All Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection; Member of the Martin County Children's Services Council

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Mental Health Court; All Probate and Guardianship Cases; Assist with Felony, Family, Civil and Juvenile Divisions

Honorable Lawrence Mirman:

All Felony Cases

Honorable William L. Roby:

All Civil Jury Trial Cases and Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; Assist with Civil Non-Jury Cases

Honorable Appointee:

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; Martin County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Darren Steele:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Assist with Felony Cases

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Honorable Laurie E. Buchanan:

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

Honorable Michael C. Heisey:

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; Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings as Juvenile Judge

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Mental Health Court

Honorable Jerald D. Bryant:

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

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:

50% of Domestic Relations Cases including Injunctions for Protection (L-Z of alphabet); Assist Juvenile Division with Detention and Shelter Hearings as Juvenile Judge

Honorable Robert E. Belanger:

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

Honorable Cynthia L. Cox:

Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Janet C. Croom:

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

Honorable Charles A. Schwab:

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

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

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

Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:

One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Assist with Mental Health Court, Drug Court, Family, Felony, Civil and Juvenile Divisions

Honorable James W. McCann:

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

Honorable Gary L. Sweet:

One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable Edmond W. Alonzo:

All County Court Civil Cases and Landlord/Tenant Cases; All Traffic Infractions involving serious injury or death; All Traffic Magistrate recusals and/or disqualifications; 30% of Small Claim Cases including Replevin

Honorable Daryl Isenhower:

20% of County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); 70% of Small Claims Cases including Replevin; All Collections Court

Honorable Kathryn Nelson:

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

Honorable Philip J. Yacucci:

40% of County Court Criminal Cases (D-Me of alphabet); Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP); All 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 Steven J. Levin, Drug Court
Honorable Janet C. Croom, Civil Division
Honorable Gary L. Sweet, Criminal Division
Honorable Robert E. Belanger, Veterans’ Court
Honorable Cynthia L. Cox, Mental Health Court
Honorable Lawrence M. Mirman, Appellate Division
Honorable Charles Schwab, Domestic Relations Division/Unified Family Court¹

APPELLATE DIVISION

All Circuit and County Judges

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

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

PRO BONO COMMITTEE.....Judge Schwab

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM.....Judge Sweet

JURY MANAGEMENT.....Judge Wild

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION..... Judge Disque

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE


Judge Morgan, Chair
Members: Judge Belanger, Judge Bronis, Judge Buchanan, Judge Kanarek,
Judge Levin, Judge Metzger, Judge Mirman, Judge Roby

FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

¹ Includes Juvenile Division

DONE AND ORDERED in Stuart, Martin County, Florida this 7th day of May, 2018.


ELIZABETH A. METZGER
Chief Judge

Copies furnished to:

All Clerks of Court in the 19th Judicial Circuit