

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 2021-09

(Effective July 1, 2021)

RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021

(Amended to reflect change in Chief Judge and St. Lucie County criminal division assignment)

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 Domestic Relations Cases; including Injunctions for Protection; Assist with Mental Health Court/Veterans’ Court

Honorable Janet C. Croom:

All Civil Cases

Honorable Michael J. Linn:

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

Honorable Dan L. Vaughn:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Nicole Menz:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases; Mental Health Court; Veterans’ Court; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Robyn E. Stone:

50% of Indian River County Court Cases; County Election Canvassing Board

MARTIN COUNTY

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Jr.:

All Felony Cases

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Cases (with the assistance of Judge Steele on Delinquency cases) including Shelter Hearings; 75% of Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing), excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases; All Jimmy Ryce Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Guardianship Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; Felony Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; Member of the Martin County Children's Services Council

Honorable Brett M. Waronicki:

All Domestic Relations Cases, including Injunctions for Protection

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Charles Schwab (Chief Judge):

All Probate Cases

Honorable Gary L. Sweet:

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

Honorable Kathleen H. Roberts:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Darren Steele:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Delinquency Cases as directed by Judge Levin, including Detention Hearings; Assist with Felony Cases

Honorable Jennifer A. Alcorta Waters:

One-third of Martin County Court Cases; Mental Health Court; Assist with Felony and Juvenile Drug Court; Supervision of Traffic Magistrates for all Civil Traffic matters; 25% of Circuit Civil Non-Jury Cases (from time of filing) excluding Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Cases

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Honorable Rebecca Ivy White:

All Domestic Relations Cases including all Injunctions for Protection; All Civil Cases; All Probate and Guardianship Cases (with the assistance of the Okeechobee County Court judge on Probate matters); Assist with Felony Cases; All Dependency Cases, including Shelter Hearings daily; Assist with Truancy Court; Assist with Mental Health Court; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases

Honorable Michael McNicholas:

All Felony Cases; All Substance Abuse and Mental Health Cases; All Risk Protection Order Cases; All Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings

Honorable William Wallace:

All Okeechobee County Court Cases; Juvenile Drug Court; Adult Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Assist with Juvenile Delinquency Cases, including Detention Hearings; Assist with Truancy Court; Assist with Probate cases; Member of the Okeechobee County Children's Services Council

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Honorable Robert E. Belanger:

One-third of Felony Cases; All Veterans' Court Cases

Honorable Laurie Buchanan:

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

Honorable Victoria L. Griffin:

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

Honorable Michael Heisey:

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

Honorable Steven J. Levin:

Adult Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court

Honorable Robert Meadows:

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

Honorable Lawrence Mirman:

One-third of Felony Cases; Assist with Mental Health Court

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger:

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

Honorable William L. Roby:

One-third of Felony Cases

Honorable Charles Schwab (Chief Judge):

Mental Health Court; Juvenile Drug Court; Assist with Adult Drug Court; Assist with all dockets throughout the circuit, including Civil and Criminal trials;

Honorable Edmond W. Alonzo:

All St. Lucie 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; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Jeffrey Hendriks:

40% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (D-Mo of alphabet); All County Ordinance Cases; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Daryl Isenhower:

20% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (A-C of alphabet); 70% of Small Claims Cases including Replevin; All Collections Court; County Election Canvassing Board

Honorable Kathryn Nelson:

40% of St. Lucie County Court Criminal Cases (Mp-Z of alphabet); St. Lucie County Misdemeanor Drug Court; Domestic Violence Diversion Program (Criminal/DVDP); County Election Canvassing Board

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 Cynthia L. Cox, Domestic Relations Division/Unified Family Court¹

Honorable Sherwood Bauer, Criminal Division

Honorable Janet C. Croom, Civil Division

Honorable Elizabeth A. Metzger, Appellate Division

Honorable Steven J. Levin, Problem-Solving Courts

APPELLATE DIVISION

All Circuit and County Judges

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP

St. Lucie Judge Griffin

Martin Judge Waronicki

Indian River Judge Cox

Okeechobee Judge White

PRO BONO COMMITTEE..... Judge Schwab

BENCH/BAR PROFESSIONALISM..... Judge Isenhower

SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION..... Judge Steele

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Judge Roby, Chair

Members: Judge Belanger, Judge Buchanan, Judge

Levin, Judge Metzger, Judge Mirman, Judge Cox

**FUTURE GROWTH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Judge Schwab, Chair

Members: Judge Bauer, Judge Belanger,

Judge Mirman, Judge Metzger

¹ Includes Juvenile Division

TRIAL COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

Judge Belanger, Chair

Members: Judge Heisey, Judge McNicholas, Judge Metzger,
Judge Roberts, Judge Schwab, Judge Waters, Judge Menz

DONE AND ORDERED in Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, July 1, 2021.



Charles Schwab
Chief Judge