



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
INTER-OFFICE

MEMO 2016-01

TO: Honorable Carolyn Timmann  
Honorable Sharon Robertson  
Honorable Joseph E. Smith  
Honorable J.R. Smith

FROM: Thomas A. Genung, Trial Court Administrator

DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: **Amended Administrative Order 2015-08**  
**RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2016**

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Attached please find an original **Amended Administrative Order 2015-08** for filing with the Court.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachment

cc w/attach: All Judges in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
All Magistrates and Hearing Officers in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
All Staff Attorneys in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
Honorable Bruce Colton, State Attorney's Office  
Honorable Diamond Litty, Public Defender's Office  
All County Attorneys in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
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**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 Court<sup>1</sup>

**APPELLATE DIVISION**

All Circuit and County Judges

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<sup>1</sup> Includes Juvenile Division

**PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS-JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON**

FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP .....Judge 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

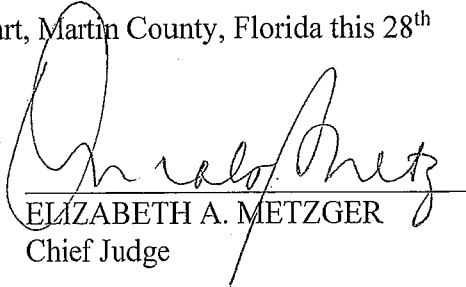
**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

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 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of December, 2015.

  
ELIZABETH A. METZGER  
Chief Judge

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