

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:**  
**19-05**  
**SUPERSEDES 18-25 AMENDED**

**IN RE: JUDGES - APPOINTMENT OF CIRCUIT JUDGES TO HANDLE COUNTY COURT CASES  
IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS**

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Due to the fact that it is necessary, from time to time, for circuit judges to hear and determine matters of the county court when a judge of that court is not available, and in order to maximize the efficient administration of justice and judicial labor in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, it is thereupon, ORDERED:

1. That qualified circuit judges in Brevard and Seminole Counties are authorized and directed to supplement and aid the county judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit by sitting as county judges in the following matters:
  - a. Initial and second appearances in criminal justice cases;
  - b. Misdemeanor crimes;
  - c. All tasks related to violation of probation for misdemeanor crimes.
2. For purposes of conducting the aforementioned proceedings, I determine the following circuit judges to be appropriately qualified:

THE HONORABLE MARLENE M. ALVA  
THE HONORABLE MELANIE CHASE  
THE HONORABLE CHARLES G. CRAWFORD  
THE HONORABLE LISA DAVIDSON  
THE HONORABLE DAVID DUGAN  
THE HONORABLE JAMES E. EARP  
THE HONORABLE JOHN D. GALLUZZO  
THE HONORABLE ROBIN C. LEMONIDIS  
THE HONORABLE KENNETH R. LESTER, JR.  
THE HONORABLE JEFFREY MAHL  
THE HONORABLE NANCY MALONEY  
THE HONORABLE DONNA MCINTOSH

THE HONORABLE KELLY J. MCKIBBEN  
THE HONORABLE DEBRA STEINBERG NELSON  
THE HONORABLE GEORGE T. PAULK  
THE HONORABLE TONYA RAINWATER  
THE HONORABLE JESSICA RECKSIDLER  
THE HONORABLE MORGAN LAUR REINMAN  
THE HONORABLE CHARLES ROBERTS  
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. RUDISILL  
THE HONORABLE ROBERT SEGAL  
THE HONORABLE CHRISTINA SERRANO  
THE HONORABLE MELISSA D. SOUTO  
THE HONORABLE SUSAN STACY  
THE HONORABLE JENNIFER TAYLOR  
THE HONORABLE GEORGE B. TURNER

3. When the circuit judges listed above conduct any of the county court matters listed in subsection 1 of this Order, the services of the circuit judge are to be:
    - a. Temporary;
    - b. Directed only to the specific classes of cases listed in subsection 1 of this Order;
    - c. Limited to assisting and supplementing the county court judges; and
    - d. Restricted to only a fraction of the pending cases.
  4. No circuit judge shall be assigned to perform solely county court work absent a special order authorizing and directing said assignment (not to exceed sixty days in duration). Crusoe v. Rawls, 472 So.2d 1163 (Fla. 1985) (footnotes 2, 3).
  5. No circuit judge shall be given successive and repetitive assignments to hear all county court matters in any special district within the circuit, absent a special order of assignment (not to exceed sixty days in duration). Payret v. Adams, 500 So.2d 136 (Fla. 1986).
  6. When any of the circuit judges listed above conduct any of the county court matters as described in subsection 1 of this Order, that circuit judge shall have all powers and authority of a county judge in every respect. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the issuing of orders in the county court so assigned, as deemed necessary and appropriate.
  7. This Order shall be in effect for a period of six months from the date of its rendition.
- DONE and ORDERED this 8th day of January, 2019.

TONYA RAINWATER  
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CHIEF JUDGE

Distribution:

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