

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Administrative Order No. 2018-2-Gen

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ASSIGNING JUDGES,
GENERAL MAGISTRATES AND HEARING OFFICERS**

(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 (b) (3) states the Chief Judge “shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”

(b) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration Rule 2.215 (b) (4) authorizes the Chief Judge to assign judges to courts and divisions.

(c) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, the following shall govern the assignment of judges, general magistrates, and hearing officers as of January 1, 2018, **unless otherwise indicated**:

(1) The Clerk of the Courts shall maintain the division designations set forth in this Administrative Order.

(2) The Clerk of the Courts shall continue to randomly assign cases to the divisions as set forth in administrative orders with regard to the percentage or method of assigning cases to a division.

(3) The Circuit Civil Division judicial assignments are:

| Division | Judge |
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| 02 | John B. Bowman |
| 03 | Mily R. Powell |
| 04 | Sandra Perlman |
| 05 | Martin J. Bidwill |
| 07 | Jack Tuter |
| 08 | David A. Haimes |
| 09 | Jeffrey R. Levenson |
| 11 | Senior Judge(s) |
| 12 | Michael L. Gates |
| 13 | Michael A. Robinson |
| 14 | Carlos Augusto Rodriguez |

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| 18 | Marina Garcia-Wood |
| 19 | John J. Murphy, III |
| 21 | Raag Singhal |
| 25 | Carol-Lisa Phillips |
| 26 | Patti Englander Henning |
| 27 | Martin J. Bidwill |

(4) The Circuit Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

| Division | Judge |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FA | Michael Lynch |
| FB | Michael I. Rothschild |
| FC | William W. Haury, Jr. |
| FD | Barbara R. Duffy |
| FE | Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. |
| FF | Ernest A. Kollra, Jr. |
| FG | Dennis D. Bailey |
| FH | Tim Bailey |
| FI | Barbara McCarthy |
| FJ | Elizabeth Scherer |
| FK | Andrew L. Siegel |
| FN (Drug Court) | Michele Towbin Singer |
| FO | Ilona M. Holmes |
| FP | Michael A. Usan |
| FR (Drug Court) | Ari Abraham Porth |
| FZ (Mental Health Court) | Ari Abraham Porth |
| FZ (Mental Health Court) | Mark A. Speiser (Monday only) |
| FT | Lisa Porter |
| FW | Bernard I. Bober |
| FX | Paul L. Backman |
| FY | Martin S. Fein |
| VF | Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. |

(5) The Probate Division judicial assignments are:

| Division | Judge |
|----------|------------------------|
| 60 | Peter M. Weinstein |
| 61 | Charles M. Greene |
| 62 | Mark A. Speiser |

(6) The Unified Family Court Division judicial assignments are:

(A) Delinquency Judges:

| Division | Judge |
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| JA | Elijah H. Williams |
| JB | Stacy Ross |
| JC | <i>Michael J. Orlando</i> |
| JD | Carlos S. Rebollo |
| JE (Drug Court) | Sharon Zeller (This is a temporary assignment as a circuit or county judge by separate Administrative Order.) |
| JF | Hope Tieman Bristol |
| JG | Hope Tieman Bristol |
| JH | Stacey Schulman |
| JI | Kenneth Gillespie |
| JJ | Alberto Ribas, Jr. |
| JK | Jose Izquierdo |
| JL | Yael Gamm |

(B) Dependency Judges:

| Division | Judge |
|----------|----------------------------|
| JM/30 | <i>Stacey Schulman</i> |
| JN/31 | Kenneth Gillespie |
| JO/32 | Alberto Ribas, Jr. |
| JQ/34 | Jose Izquierdo |
| JS/39 | Hope Tieman Bristol |
| JT/46 | Yael Gamm |
| JU | Thomas J. Coleman |

(C) Domestic Violence Judges:

| Division | Judge |
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| FV/GC/57 | Geoffrey D. Cohen |
| 59/57 | Michael G. Kaplan |
| 57/MV | Kathleen McHugh |
| 63 | Michael Davis (This is a temporary assignment as a circuit or county judge by separate |

Administrative Order.)

(D) Family Judges

| Division | Judge |
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| 29 | Hope Tieman Bristol |
| 33 | Nicholas Lopane |
| 35 | Fabienne E. Fahnestock |
| 36 | Keathan B. Frink |
| 37 | Dale C. Cohen |
| 38 | Senior Judge Arthur M. Birken |
| 40 | Merrilee Ehrlich |
| 41 | Andrea Ruth Gundersen |
| 42 | Senior Judge Arthur M. Birken |
| 44 | John Patrick Contini |

(7) The County Civil Division judicial assignments are:

| Division | Judge |
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| 48 | Unassigned (effective February 5, 2018) ¹ |
| 49 | Nina W. Di Pietro |
| 50 | Mardi Levey Cohen |
| 51 | Kathleen McCarthy |
| 52 | Giuseppina Miranda |
| 53 | Robert W. Lee |
| 54 | Florence Taylor Barner |
| 55 | <i>Daniel J. Kanner</i> |
| 56 | Betsy Benson |
| 60 | Claudia Robinson |
| 61 | Arlene S. Backman |
| 62 | Terri-Ann Miller |
| 70 | John D. Fry |
| 71 | Louis H. Schiff |
| 72 | John Hurley |
| 73 | Steven P. DeLuca |
| 80 | Olga Levine |
| 81 | Jane D. Fishman |

¹ Commencing on February 5, 2018, the Clerk of the Courts shall not assign any newly filed actions to Division 48. Any filings made in cases pending in Division 48 on February 5, 2018 and thereafter that require judicial action shall be directed to the Chairperson for the County Civil Division for appropriate action.

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| 82 | Jennifer Wigand Hilal |
| 83 | Ellen Feld |
| MXD | Michael Davis ² |

(8) The County Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

| Division | Judge |
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| MA | Melinda Brown |
| MD | Mindy F. Solomon |
| MH | <i>Christopher W. Pole</i> |
| MI | Ginger Lerner-Wren |
| MJ | Robert F. Diaz |
| MM | Deborah Carpenter-Toye |
| MP | Jill K. Levy |
| MQ | Kenneth A. Gottlieb |
| MS | Michael Davis (effective February 5, 2018) ³ |
| MT | Ginger Lerner-Wren |
| MW | Kal Evans |
| NA | Louis H. Schiff |
| NB | John Hurley |
| NC | John D. Fry |
| SA | Claudia Robinson |
| SB | Terri-Ann Miller |
| SC | Arlene S. Backman |
| WA | Jane D. Fishman |
| WB | Olga Levine |
| WC | Jennifer Wigand Hilal |
| WE | Ellen Feld |
| ZD | Sharon Zeller |
| MVC | Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. (This is a temporary assignment as a circuit or county judge by separate Administrative Order.) |

² The Clerk of the Courts shall assign all civil traffic infractions requiring a mandatory hearing or hearing before a judge from BSO District 12 (Oakland Park), BSO District 13 (Lauderdale-by-the-Sea), Fort Lauderdale, and Wilton Manors to Division MXD.

³ Judge Davis shall continue to preside over County Civil Division 48 until February 5, 2018.

(9) The first appearance judicial assignment is:

| Division | Judge |
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| MN | Kim Theresa Mollica (effective February 5, 2018) ⁴ |

(10) The hearing officer and general magistrate assignments are:

| Division | General Magistrate/Hearing Officer |
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| 68 | Yves P. Laventure |
| 69 | Claudette Vanni |
| 90 | Barbara Beilly |
| 91 | Annette J. Szorosy |
| 93 | Rita Ugarte |
| DOR 94 | Michael Sullivan (Hearing Officer) |
| DOR 96 | <i>Phoebe Francois</i> (Hearing Officer) |
| 98 | Lucy Ramos Miller |
| ZM | Philip Schlissel |
| GMW | Randi Glick Boven |
| GMX | Vicki L. Plant |
| GMY | Randi Glick Boven |
| GMZ | Vicki L. Plant |

A bolded name is an Administrative Judge for a division. An italicized name is a chairperson for a division.

This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order 2017-49-Gen and all prior Administrative Orders that are inconsistent on January 1, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this 10th day of January, 2018 *nunc pro tunc* to January 1, 2018.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge

⁴ Judge Mollica shall continue to preside over County Criminal Division MS until February 5, 2018.