

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

*Administrative Order No. 2023-20-Gen (First Amendment)*

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

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(a) Florida Rule of General Practice and 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 General Practice and 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, the following shall govern the assignment of judges, general magistrates, and hearing officers, it is hereby **ORDERED, effective immediately unless otherwise noted:**

(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
02	John B. Bowman
03	Daniel A. Casey
04	William W. Haury, Jr.
05	Martin J. Bidwill
07	Jack Tuter
08	David A. Haimes
09	Jeffrey R. Levenson
11	Marina Garcia-Wood

12	Keathan B. Frink
13	Michael A. Robinson
14	Carlos Augusto Rodriguez
18	Fabienne E. Fahnstock
21	Michele Towbin Singer
22	Marina Garcia-Wood
24	Mariya Weekes
25	Shari Africk Olefson
26	<b>Carol-Lisa Phillips</b>
27	Martin J. Bidwill

(4) The Circuit Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
FA	Michael Lynch
FB	N. Hunter Davis
FC	Peter Holden
FD	Barbara R. Duffy
FE	Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.
FF	Ernest A. Kollra, Jr.
FG	Michael I. Rothschild
FH	Tim Bailey
FI	Frank Ledee
FJ	Elizabeth Scherer
FK	Thomas J. Coleman
FN (Drug Court)	Susan L. Alspector
FO	Gary M. Farmer, Jr.
FP	Michael A. Usan
FZ (Mental Health Court)	Ari Abraham Porth
FT	John J. Murphy, III
FW	Bernard I. Bober
FX	<b>Martin S. Fein</b>
FY	Andrew L. Siegel
VF	Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.

(5) The Probate Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
60	Nicholas Lopane
61	Unassigned <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Natasha DePrimo will assume Division 61 upon the Governor's judicial appointments to vacant seats.

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

(A) Delinquency Judges

Division	Judge
JA	<i>Elijah H. Williams</i>
JB	Stacy Ross
JC	Michael J. Orlando
JD	Carlos Rebollo
JE (Drug Court)	<b>Hope Tieman Bristol</b>
JF	<b>Hope Tieman Bristol</b>
JG	<b>Hope Tieman Bristol</b>
JH	Stacey Schulman
JJ	Alberto Ribas, Jr.
JK	Jose Izquierdo
JL	Yael Gamm

(B) Dependency Judges

Division	Judge
JM/30	<i>Stacey Schulman</i>
JO/32	Alberto Ribas, Jr.
JQ/34	Jose Izquierdo
JS/39	<b>Hope Tieman Bristol</b>
JT/46	Yael Gamm

(C) Domestic Violence Judges

Division	Judge
FV/57	George Odom, Jr.
59/57	<i>Michael G. Kaplan</i>
57/MV	Catalina Avalos
63	Stefanie C. Moon

(D) Family Judges

Division	Judge
29	<b>Hope Tieman Bristol</b>
33	Francis Viamontes
35	Lauren M. Alperstein
36	Natasha DePrimo

37	Kristin R. Kanner (May 26, 2023) <sup>2</sup>
38	<i>Michael Davis</i>
40	Elaine A. Carbuccia (June 30, 2023)
41	Lorena V. Mastrarrigo
42	Unassigned <sup>3</sup>
44	Mariya Weekes

(7) The County Civil Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
47	Kathleen McCarthy
48	Jennifer Wigand Hilal
49	Nina W. Di Pietro
50	Mardi Levey Cohen
51	Kathleen McHugh
52	Giuseppina Miranda
53	<b>Robert W. Lee</b>
54	Florence Taylor Barner
55	<i>Daniel J. Kanner</i>
56	Betsy Benson
60	Allison Gilman
61	Corey Amanda Cawthon
62	Terri-Ann Miller
70	Kim Theresa Mollica
71	<i>Louis H. Schiff</i>
72	John Hurley
73	Stephen P. DeLuca
74	John D. Fry
80	Olga Levine
81	Tabitha Blackmon Eves
82	Kal Evans
83	Ellen Feld
100	Jackie Powell

(8) The County Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
MA	Melinda Brown
MD	Phoebe Francois

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<sup>2</sup> Judge Dale C. Cohen remains assigned to Division 37 until the effective date of Judge Kristin R. Kanner's assignment to the division.

<sup>3</sup> Pending judicial appointment by Governor Ron DeSantis.

MI	Ginger Lerner-Wren
MJ	Robert F. Diaz
MM	Deborah Carpenter-Toye
MP	Jill K. Levy
MQ	<i>Kenneth A. Gottlieb</i>
MS	Ginger Lerner-Wren
MW	John D. Fry
MV	Catalina Avalos
NA	<i>Louis H. Schiff</i>
NB	John Hurley
NC	Kim Theresa Mollica
ND	Steven P. DeLuca
SA	Allison Gilman
SB	Terri-Ann Miller
SC	Corey Amanda Cawthon
WA	Ellen Feld
WB	Olga Levine
WC	Kal Evans
WE	Tabitha Blackmon Eves
ZD	Kenneth A. Gottlieb
MVC	Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. (This is a temporary assignment as circuit or county judge by separate Administrative Order.)
MXD <sup>4</sup>	John D. Fry
CMF/CMH/CMP (Community Court)	Florence Taylor Barner

(9) The first appearance judicial assignment is:

Division MN	Chris Brown
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(10) The hearing officer and general magistrate assignments are:

Division	General Magistrate/Hearing Officer
68	Yves P. Laventure
69	Claudette Vanni
90	Allana Robinson Woods
91	Annette J. Szorosy
93	Stephanie Matalon

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<sup>4</sup> The Clerk of the Court 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, as well as all civil traffic infractions from any agency involving a fatality, to Division MXD.

97	Carla Bernice Cody
DOR 94	Michael Sullivan (hearing officer)
DOR 96	Matthew Tannenbaum (hearing officer)
98	Lucy Ramos Miller
ZM	Rudolph Morel
GMW	<i>Randi Glick Boven</i>
GMX	Vicki L. Plant
GMY	<i>Randi Glick Boven</i>
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 2023-14-Gen.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 24th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge