

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

Administrative Order 2024-8-Civ

ASSIGNING JUDGES TO THE 2024 ELECTIONS

(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of Judicial 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.”

(c) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(4) authorizes the chief judge to assign cases to a judge or judges.

(d) Legal challenges to local, state, and national elections filed on the date of the elections are complex and require expedited review, and assigning such matters to specific judicial officers promotes judicial economy and preserves judicial resources.

(e) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

(1) The Clerk of the Court shall assign (in alphabetical order) any civil action filed on March 19, 2024 arising from that day’s elections to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

John B. Bowman
Michael A. Robinson
Michele Towbin Singer

(2) The Clerk of the Court shall assign (in alphabetical order) any civil action filed on August 20, 2024 arising from that day's elections to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

Daniel A. Casey
Fabienne E. Fahnestock
Carol-Lisa Phillips

(3) The Clerk of the Court shall assign (in alphabetical order) any civil action filed on November 5, 2024 arising from that day's elections to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

Martin J. Bidwill
Keathan B. Frink
Jack Tuter

(4) The Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign to a circuit civil division any other civil action arising from any election occurring in Broward County, Florida on March 19, 2024; August 20, 2024 or November 5, 2024.

(5) Upon receipt of a newly-filed civil action arising from any election taking place in Broward County, Florida on March 19, 2024, August 20, 2024 or November 5, 2024, the Clerk of the Court shall immediately notify the judge assigned and the assigned division judge shall give priority and expedited review to such matter(s), as required by law.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 26th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Jack Tuter
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge