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

Administrative Order No. 2026-17-Civ

ASSIGNING JUDGES TO THE 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION

(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 "ensures the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit, considering available resources."

(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 June 23, 2026 arising from the special election occurring in Plantation Acres Improvement District to one of the following Circuit Court Judges:

Elaine A. Carbuccia
Carol-Lisa Phillips
Carlos Augusto Rodriguez

(2) The Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign to a circuit civil division any other civil action arising from the special election occurring on June 23, 2026.

(3) Upon receipt of a newly-filed civil action arising from the special election taking place in Plantation Acres Improvement District on June 23, 2026, 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 29th day of May, 2026.

/s/ *Carol-Lisa Phillips*
Carol-Lisa Phillips, Chief Judge