

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

*Administrative Order No. 2026-22-Temp*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TEMPORARILY  
APPOINTING EDWARD H. MERRIGAN, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
AS COMMISSIONER**

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Pursuant to the June 15, 2026 order of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, the Honorable Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. is assigned to act as Commissioner in Case Number 4D2026-0993, Lower Tribunal Case Numbers 17-004889CF10A and 23-004016CF10A. Consistent with the order of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, the Commissioner shall make findings of fact as to whether petitioner timely requested counsel to file a notice of appeal and to provide a recommendation as to whether a belated appeal should be granted. The Commissioner shall file a report and recommendation with the Fourth District Court of Appeal no later than sixty (60) days from the Fourth District Court of Appeal's June 15, 2026 order. The parties shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the report to file objections with the Fourth District Court of Appeal as to the Commissioner's findings of fact. If no objections are filed within the time allowed, the commissioner's findings and recommendation will be adopted by the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 16th day of June, 2026.

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

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