

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

Administrative Order No. 2026-36-Gen

DESIGNATING ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES AND CHAIRPERSONS

- (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 power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.
- (b) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states that 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 Rule 2.215(b)(5) authorizes the chief judge to “designate a judge in any court or court division of circuit or county courts as administrative judge of any court or division to assist with administrative supervision of the court or division.”
- (d) In addition to administrative judges, there is a need for chairpersons to assist the administrative judges with administrative duties for other courts or divisions within the circuit.
- (e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by 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, effective immediately:**
- (1) The Administrative Judges are:

Circuit Civil
Circuit Criminal
Circuit Probate
Unified Family Court
County Court

Keathan B. Frink
Martin S. Fein
Kenneth L. Gillespie
Hope Tieman Bristol
Kenneth A. Gottlieb

(2) The Chairpersons are:

Unified Family Court – Dependency
Unified Family Court – Delinquency
Unified Family Court – Domestic Relations
Domestic Violence
County Civil
County Criminal
County Satellites
Community Court
General Magistrates / Hearing Officers

Stacey Schulman
Elijah H. Williams
Lauren M. Alperstein
Michael G. Kaplan
Daniel J. Kanner
Deborah Carpenter-Toye
Steven P. DeLuca
Florence Taylor Barner
Lucy Ramos Miller

(3) This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2025-03-Gen (Amendment 1).

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida
on this 15th day of September, 2026.

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