

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

Administrative Order No. 2026-37-Gen

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

(a) Florida Rule of 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.”

(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	Catalina Avalos (effective September 28, 2026)
05	Martin J. Bidwill
07	David A. Haines ¹
08	Carlos Augusto Rodriguez
09	Jeffrey R. Levenson

¹ All cases seeking the interstate extradition of witnesses pursuant to Chapter 942, Florida Statutes shall be assigned to Judge David A. Haines until further order of the Court.

11	Marina Garcia-Wood
12	Keathan B. Frink²
13	Michael A. Robinson
14	N. Hunter Davis
18	Fabienne E. Fahnestock
21	Michele Towbin Singer
24	Michael Davis
25	Shari Africk-Olefson
26	Carol-Lisa Phillips
27	Martin J. Bidwill

(4) The Circuit Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
FA	Michael Lynch
FB	Lorena V. Mastrarrigo
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	George Odom, Jr.
FN (Drug Court)	Michael Davis
FO	Francis Viamontes
FP	Thomas J. Coleman
FZ (Mental Health Court)	Ari Abraham Porth
FT	Martin S. Fein
FW	Bernard I. Bober
FX	Michael A. Usan
FY	Andrew L. Siegel
VF	Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.

(5) The Probate Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
60 J	Nicholas Lopane
61 J	Natasha DePrimo
62 J	Kenneth L. Gillespie

² Judge Keathan B. Frink will serve as the back-up judge for Judge Haimes for cases seeking the interstate extradition of witnesses pursuant to Chapter 942, Florida Statutes.

(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	Jessica M. Marra
JE (Drug Court)	Hope Tieman Bristol
JF	Hope Tieman Bristol
JG	Hope Tieman Bristol
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	Hope Tieman Bristol
JT/46	Yael Gamm

(C) Domestic Violence Judges

Division	Judge
45	Kevin P. Tynan ³
FV/57	Susan L. Alspector
59/57	<i>Michael G. Kaplan</i>
63	Stefanie C. Moon

(D) Family Judges

Division	Judge
29	Hope Tieman Bristol
33	Pascale Achille
35	<i>Lauren M. Alperstein</i>
36	Jeremy I. Franker
37	Kristin R. Kanner

³ Effective September 14, 2026, the Clerk of Court shall assign all new Risk Protection Order filings to Division 45.

38	David J. Arthmann (effective September 28, 2026) ⁴
40	Elaine A. Carbuccia
41	Marlon J. Weiss
42	James R. Harris
44	Christopher Wigand

(7) The County Civil Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
47	Michele McCaul Ricca
48	Jennifer Wigand Hilal
49	Nina W. Di Pietro
51	Kathleen McHugh
101	Kathleen McCarthy
52/53	Giuseppina Miranda
54	Florence Taylor Barner
55	<i>Daniel J. Kanner</i>
56	Betsy Benson
60	Corey B. Friedman (effective October 1, 2026) ⁵
61	Corey Amanda Cawthon
62	Vacant (Pending Governor Appointment)
70	Kim Theresa Mollica
71	Kathleen E. Angione
72	John Hurley
73	<i>Stephen P. DeLuca</i>
74	John D. Fry
80	Olga Levine
81	Tabitha B. Eves
82	Lauren N. Pepper
83	Ellen Feld
100	Jackie Powell
102	Woody R. Clermont

(7) The County Criminal Division judicial assignments are:

Division	Judge
MA	Melinda Brown
MD	Phoebee Francois ⁶
MI	John D. Fry

⁴ Judge Catalina Avalos remains assigned to Division 38 until the effective date of her reassignment to Division 04.

⁵ Judge Allison Gilman remains assigned to Division 60 until the effective date of her reassignment to Division MN.

⁶ All Truancy cases, and Extradition cases under Chapter 941, Florida Statutes, shall be assigned to Division MD until further order of the court.

MJ	Kal Evans
MM	<i>Deborah Carpenter-Toye</i>
MP	Jill K. Levy
MQ	Kenneth A. Gottlieb
MS	Ginger Lerner-Wren
MW	John D. Fry
MV	Chris Brown
NA	Kathleen E. Angione
NB	John Hurley
NC	Kim Theresa Mollica
ND	<i>Steven P. DeLuca</i>
SA	Corey B. Friedman (effective October 1, 2026) ⁷
SB	Vacant (Pending Governor Appointment)
SC	Corey Amanda Cawthon
WA	Ellen Feld
WB	Olga Levine
WC	Lauren N. Pfeffer
WE	Tabitha B. Eves
ZD	Michael Davis
MVC	Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.
MXD	Chris Brown
CMF (Community Court)	<i>Florence Taylor Barner</i>
CMH (Community Court)	Corey Amanda Cawthon
CMP (Community Court)	Kathleen E. Angione

(8) The first appearance judicial assignment is:

Division MN	Allison Gilman (effective October 1, 2026) ⁸
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(9) The hearing officer and general magistrate assignments are:

Division	General Magistrate/Hearing Officer
68	Yves P. Laventure
69	Caleb S. Johnston
90	Allana Robinson Woods
91	Annette J. Szorosy
93	Stephanie Matalon
DOR 94	Michael Sullivan (hearing officer)

⁷ Judge Allison Gilman remains assigned to Division SA until the effective date of her reassignment to Division MN.

⁸ Judge Corey B. Friedman remains assigned to Division MN until the effective date of his reassignment to Divisions 60 and SA.

DOR 95	Rebecca Frieden
DOR 96	Matthew Tannenbaum (hearing officer)
98	Hilary Creary
99	Linda Ivelisse Gonzalez
ZM	<i>Lucy Ramos Miller</i>
GMW	<i>Lucy Ramos Miller</i>
GMX	Denise E. Kistner
GMY	<i>Lucy Ramos Miller</i>
GMZ	Denise E. Kistner

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 2026-32-Gen.

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

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