

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 9.03 (v 2021-1)

GENERAL ASSIGNMENTS

Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

In order to provide for the requirements of the Eighth Judicial Circuit with regard to the assignment of judges, in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215,

IT IS ORDERED:

The assignments set forth in this General Assignment order are reflected on the Eighth Circuit Master Calendars which are published on the website of the Eighth Judicial Circuit and are revised as needed by order of the Chief Judge.

The judicial assignments for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 are as follows:

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Division or Assignment
Monica J. Brasington, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Alachua	Circuit Civil Division “K”, Division “W” (Extraordinary Writs)
Donna M. Keim	Alachua	Circuit Civil Division “J”, Division “AP” (Appeals)
Craig C. DeThomasis	Levy	Circuit Civil, Mortgage Foreclosures ¹ , Extraordinary Writs
Robert K. Groeb	Gilchrist & Union	Circuit Civil, Mortgage Foreclosures ¹ , Extraordinary Writs
Gloria R. Walker	Baker	Circuit Civil, Mortgage Foreclosures ¹ , Extraordinary Writs
George M. Wright	Bradford	Circuit Civil, Mortgage Foreclosures ¹ , Extraordinary Writs
David P. Kreider	Circuit-wide	Jimmy Ryce Cases (including Alachua County Division “R”)
Mark W. Moseley, <i>Chief Judge</i>	Alachua	Division MG (Residential Mortgage Foreclosures) ¹

¹ Some cases in this division may be covered by a magistrate or hearing officer with judicial oversight as indicated in the General Magistrate and Hearing Officer Assignments below.

FAMILY AND PROBATE DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Division or Assignment
Gloria R. Walker	Alachua	Family Division "DR1"
	Baker	Family, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency ¹ , Probate, Mental Health ¹
Denise R. Ferrero	Alachua	Family Division "DR2", Juvenile Dependency ¹ , Family Division "AD" (Adoption), Family Division "UFC" ² , Mental Health Divisions "Q" and "S" ¹
Susanne Wilson Bullard	Alachua	Family Division "DR3", Juvenile Delinquency, Probate, Guardianship ¹ , Truancy, CINS/FINS
George M. Wright	Alachua	Family Division "DR4", Family Division "N" (DOR Cases) ¹
	Bradford	Family, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency ¹ , Probate, Mental Health, Truancy
Robert K. Groeb, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Alachua	Pro se cases assigned to all DR Divisions ³ , All Simplified Dissolutions, Hague Convention Cases
	Gilchrist & Union	Family, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency (Gilchrist only), Juvenile Dependency ¹ , Probate, Mental Health
Craig C. DeThomasis	Alachua	Family Division "DV" (Domestic Violence), Div. "RP" (Risk Protection)
	Levy	Family, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Dependency ¹ , Probate ¹ , Mental Health
Joseph M. Williams	Baker	Shelter Hearings, Truancy Court
D. Tatum Davis	Bradford	Shelter Hearings
Sheree Lancaster	Gilchrist	Shelter Hearings
James T. Browning	Levy	Shelter Hearings, Juvenile Delinquency
Mitchell Bishop	Union	Shelter Hearings, Juvenile Delinquency, Mental Health

NOTE: Cases involving Petitions for Judicial Waiver of Parental Consent for Termination of Pregnancy in Alachua County will be assigned to the Alachua Family Division judges on a rotating basis.

² These Unified Family Court cases are family-related cases that are conjoined with a dependency case. All circuit judges and county court judges when acting as circuit judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit are designated as juvenile court judges for the purposes of Chapters 39 and 985, Florida Statutes, and may conduct detention or shelter hearings as appropriate. A review pursuant to section 39.402(12), Florida Statutes, shall not be required when the shelter hearing was conducted by a juvenile court judge.

³ In the event an attorney files a notice of appearance in a pro se case and remains attorney of record, the case may be transferred back to the original division judge.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Division or Assignment
David P. Kreider	Alachua	Division I (A-E)
	Union	Criminal Cases
	Circuit-wide	Jimmy Ryce Cases
Phillip A. Pena	Alachua	Division II (F-K)
	Baker	Criminal Cases
	Circuit-wide	Extraordinary and Unusual Case Compensation (F.S. 27.5304(12)(a))
James M. Colaw	Alachua	Division III (L-R)
	Bradford	Criminal Cases
	Circuit-wide	Division VI (Post-Conviction Relief Cases)
William E. Davis, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Alachua	Division IV (S-Z)
	Levy	Criminal Cases
	Alachua	Juror Show Cause Hearings
Mark W. Moseley, <i>Chief Judge</i>	Gilchrist	Criminal Cases
Joseph M. Williams	Baker	Grand Jury Selection
D. Tatum Davis	Bradford	Grand Jury Selection
Sheree H. Lancaster	Gilchrist	Grand Jury Selection
James T. Browning	Levy	Grand Jury Selection
Mitchell Bishop	Union	Grand Jury Selection

SPECIALTY COURT ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Division or Assignment
David P. Kreider	Alachua	Division V (Felony Forensics)
Walter M. Green	Alachua	Division VII (Felony Adult Drug Court)
Phillip A. Pena	Alachua	Division VIII (Veteran's Treatment Court)
Susan Miller-Jones	Alachua	Division IX (Misdemeanor Mental Health Court)
D. Tatum Davis	Bradford	Mental Health Court
James T. Browning	Levy	Mental Health Court

GENERAL MAGISTRATE AND HEARING OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS

The judge assigned to each division or assignment has judicial oversight as indicated above.

Hearing Officer / General Magistrate	County and Division or Assignment
Samuel P. Stafford, <i>Director</i> <i>Judicial Hearing Officer</i>	Alachua Division "N" (DOR Child Support Cases), Gilchrist and Levy DOR Child Support Cases
Jodi H. Cason, <i>Judicial Hearing Officer</i>	Baker, Bradford, and Union DOR Child Support Cases
Jodi H. Cason, <i>General Magistrate</i>	Baker, Bradford, and Union Mortgage Foreclosures, Baker, Bradford, and Union Juvenile Dependency, Alachua Family Division Cases Referred by Division Judge, Baker Northeast Florida State Hospital Baker Act Hearings
Katherine Floyd, <i>General Magistrate</i>	Alachua Residential Mortgage Foreclosures, Alachua Divisions "Q" and "S" (Mental Health), Gilchrist and Levy Mortgage Foreclosures, Gilchrist and Levy Juvenile Dependency, Levy Probate and Guardianship, Levy Cases Referred by Division Judge
Nancy Wilkov, <i>General Magistrate</i>	Alachua Juvenile Dependency
Bridget Baker, <i>General Magistrate</i>	Alachua Guardianship, Baker Northeast Florida State Hospital Mental Health Cases
Robert Folsom, <i>Special Master</i>	Circuit-wide Belated Appeal Proceedings in Criminal Cases pursuant to Rule 9.141 (c), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure

TRIAL WEEK JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Jury trials will be scheduled during the first four weeks of the month. The first trial week will begin on the first Monday of each month. Alachua County Court civil judges will reserve their calendars on Monday and Tuesday of the weeks that they are assigned as back-up, until they are advised by court administration that events for which they are to provide back-up are covered. In the event a trial is canceled or continued, all trial judges, including civil, should notify court administration to determine whether they can provide coverage elsewhere.

Trial Week One		
Alachua	Circuit Civil Circuit Criminal	Divisions J & K Division I
Alachua Criminal Back-Up	Alachua County Civil <i>(Monday and Tuesday only)</i>	Division V
Baker, Bradford, and Levy	Circuit Civil	
Gilchrist	Circuit Criminal, Circuit Civil, County Criminal	
Union	Circuit Criminal, Circuit Civil, County Criminal	
Trial Week Two		
Alachua	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	Division II Division I
Alachua Criminal Back-Up	Alachua County Civil <i>(Monday and Tuesday only)</i>	Division IV
Baker	Circuit Criminal / County Criminal	
Trial Week Three		
Alachua	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	Division III Division II
Alachua Criminal Back-Up	Alachua County Civil <i>(Monday and Tuesday only)</i>	Division V
Bradford	Circuit Criminal / County Criminal	
Trial Week Four		
Alachua	Circuit Criminal County Criminal	Division IV Division III
Alachua Criminal Back-Up	Alachua County Civil <i>(Monday and Tuesday Only)</i>	Division IV
Levy	Circuit Criminal / County Criminal	

The Master Calendars include schedule changes due to holidays and conferences, which affect the assignments in this section. The Master Calendars are incorporated into this assignment calendar and should be referred to when holidays and judicial conferences arise.

COUNTY DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALACHUA COUNTY

Judge	Division or Assignment
Thomas M. Jaworski, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	County Criminal I (A-G), Civil Traffic
Susan Miller- Jones	County Criminal II (H-N), Civil Traffic
Walter M. Green	County Criminal III (O-Z), Civil Traffic
Meshon T. Rawls	County Civil IV, Civil Traffic, Alachua County Criminal Back-up Coverage Weeks 2 & 4 (Monday and Tuesday only)
Kristine Van Vorst	County Civil V, Civil Traffic, Alachua County Criminal Back-up Coverage Weeks 1 & 3 (Monday and Tuesday only)

COUNTY DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS FOR REGIONAL COUNTIES

Judge	County	Division or Assignment
Mitchell Bishop	Union	All County Court Matters
James T. Browning <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Levy	All County Court Matters
D. Tatum Davis	Bradford	All County Court Matters
Sheree H. Lancaster	Gilchrist	All County Court Matters
Joseph M. Williams	Baker	All County Court Matters

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS CIRCUIT JUDGES

Mitchell Bishop, James T. Browning, D. Tatum Davis, Walter M. Green, Thomas M. Jaworski, Susan Miller-Jones, Sheree H. Lancaster, Meshon T. Rawls, Joseph M. Williams, and Kristine Van Vorst, County Court Judges for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union Counties, are hereby temporarily appointed Circuit Judges for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Under this appointment, they are vested with all and singular powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida as a Circuit Judge on a temporary basis to hear, conduct and determine all matters which are presented to them as follows:

1. **Temporary Injunctions in Domestic, Repeat, Sexual, Dating violence and Stalking** cases under Chapters 741 (domestic violence), and 784 (repeat, sexual, dating violence, and stalking), Florida Statutes;
2. **Juvenile detention** hearings (delinquency) and **shelter** hearings (dependency) under Chapters 39 (shelter hearings), 984 (CINS/FINS), and 985 (detention hearings), Florida Statutes;
3. **Mental health and medical treatment,** examination or testing cases arising under Chapters 381, 384, 390, 392, 393, 394, 397, 415, 765, 916, 945, Florida Statutes;
4. Any matters arising **during duty judge hours**;
5. Orders of **Arrest** and Orders of **Release** for civil contempt upon the **Child Support Enforcement** Hearing Officer's recommendations;
6. Hear and determine all **bail** issues in felony cases at first appearance hearings, even though a circuit judge initially set bail upon the issuance of a *capias* or a warrant, **except** where a sentence of contempt has already been imposed;
7. **Arrest warrants** and **search warrants**, including petitions, motions or applications; and
8. Conduct **first appearance** for arrestees who are detained pursuant to an order of arrest/writ of bodily attachment for **civil contempt connected with child support enforcement**.

Additionally, to provide prompt disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, all county court judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit are temporarily appointed as circuit court judges to adjudicate any issue pending in any circuit court case in the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF CIRCUIT JUDGES AS COUNTY COURT JUDGES

To provide prompt disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, all circuit court judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit are temporarily appointed to adjudicate any pending issue in any county court case in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and to otherwise perform the duties accorded by law to county court judges.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES TO OTHER COUNTIES WITHIN THE CIRCUIT

Inasmuch as it is necessary for the orderly administration of the County Courts of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, the various County Court Judges of the Circuit are appointed to hear, conduct, and determine matters of county court jurisdiction which are presented to them in all counties of the Circuit.

EXECUTING COURT ORDERS ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER JUDGE

Upon the request of the judicial assistant or court staff, court orders drafted by or for an assigned judge may be executed by another judge with appropriate jurisdiction if the assigned judge is unavailable.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES TO CIRCUIT DIVISIONS

The following judges are hereby temporarily appointed Circuit Judge to hear, conduct, and determine all matters presented to them in the following division/assignment:

Judges	County	Division or Assignment
James T. Browning	Levy	Shelter Hearings, Juvenile Delinquency
Mitchell Bishop	Union	Shelter Hearings, Mental Health, Juvenile Delinquency
Walter M. Green	Alachua	Felony Adult Drug Court
Joseph M. Williams	Baker	Shelter Hearings, Truancy Court
D. Tatum Davis	Bradford	Shelter Hearings
Sheree H. Lancaster	Gilchrist	Shelter Hearings

SENIOR JUDGES

When necessary for the orderly administration of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and for the prompt dispatch of the business of the court, the Chief Judge may assign consenting senior judges to temporary service in any court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, with the authority to hear, conduct, try, determine, and dispose of the cases and matters presented to him or her.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

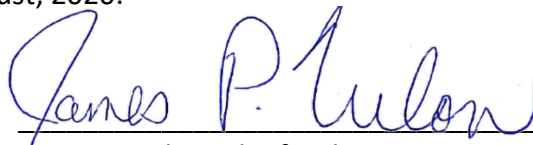
The Administrative Judges shall confer regularly with the judges assigned to his or her division and shall confer intermittently with judges whose case assignment includes cases in his or her division and shall confer regularly with the court administrator and with the Chief Judge. The following are the Administrative Judges through December 31, 2021:

Division	Administrative Judge	Judges Assigned to Division
Circuit Civil Division	Monica J. Brasington	Craig C. DeThomasis, Robert K. Groeb, Donna M. Keim, Gloria R. Walker, and George M. Wright
Circuit Criminal Division	William E. Davis	James M. Colaw, David P. Kreider, Mark W. Moseley, and Phillip A. Pena
Family Division	Robert K. Groeb	Craig C. DeThomasis, Susanne Wilson Bullard, Denise R. Ferrero, Gloria R. Walker, and George M. Wright
Alachua County Court	Thomas M. Jaworski	Walter M. Green, Susan Miller-Jones, Meshon T. Rawls and Kristine Van Vorst
Regional County Court	James T. Browning	Mitchell Bishop, Sheree H. Lancaster, D. Tatum Davis, and Joseph M. Williams

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this order is January 1, 2021.

ORDERED on this 5th day of August, 2020.



James P. Nilon, Chief Judge