

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:**  
**18-08-B 4TH AMENDED**  
**SUPERSEDES 18-08-B 3RD**  
**AMENDED**

**IN RE: JUDGES – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE STEPHEN  
R. KOONS TO HANDLE CIRCUIT CIVIL CASES**

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In order to maximize the efficient administration of justice and judicial labor in Brevard County in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, and to ensure timely and prompt disposition of circuit civil law matters, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is thereupon, ORDERED:

1. The Honorable Stephen R. Koons, a qualified county judge in Brevard County, is hereby temporarily assigned to supplement and aid the circuit judges in Brevard County by hearing, conducting, and determining all matters in circuit civil division cases in Brevard County, except for foreclosure, probate, guardianship and mental health cases.
2. This cross-assignment to the circuit civil division is to aid and assist this specific division in Brevard County on a temporary basis only. This assignment is for sixty (60) days in duration. Crusoe v. Rowls, 472 So. 2d 1163, n. 2 (Fla. 1985); Wild v. Dozier, 672 So. 2d 16 (Fla. 1996). Judge Koons will preside over this circuit civil division at the Moore Justice Center.
3. The service of this county court judge in the circuit court is restricted to a specific, limited class of cases; specifically, only one-fourth of the pending cases in the circuit civil law division, excluding foreclosure, probate, guardianship, and mental health cases.
4. This assignment is necessary to provide additional judicial resources to promptly hear and dispose of circuit civil matters. The purpose of this temporary assignment is to assist and supplement, not to be a permanent assignment that usurps, supplants, or replaces a circuit judge in the circuit civil division in Brevard.
5. When conducting circuit court civil division matters, the county judge assigned in this Order shall have all powers and authority

of a circuit judge in every respect. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the issuing of orders in the circuit court so assigned, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

6. This Order shall be in effect for a period of sixty days from the date of its rendition.

DONE and ORDERED this 30th day of August, 2018.

JOHN M. HARRIS  
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CHIEF JUDGE

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