

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
21-05 AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 21-05

**IN RE: JUDGES - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES TO HANDLE CIRCUIT CASES
IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS**

Due to the fact that it is necessary, from time to time, for county court judges to hear and determine matters of the circuit court when a judge of that court is not available, and in order to maximize the efficient administration of justice and judicial labor in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b) Rules of Judicial Administration, it is thereupon, ORDERED:

1. That qualified county court judges in Brevard and Seminole Counties are authorized and directed to supplement and aid the circuit judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit by sitting as circuit judges in the following matters:
 - a. Causes of action for injunctions for protection against domestic violence, in violation of section 741.30, Florida Statutes as amended;
 - b. Causes of action for injunctions for protection in cases of repeat violence, sexual violence or dating violence, in violation of section 784.046, Florida Statutes as amended;
 - c. Causes of action for injunctions for protection against stalking, in violation of section 784.0485, Florida Statutes as amended;
 - d. Causes of action for contempt for failure to pay child support or other violations of a court order;
 - e. Causes of action for indirect criminal contempt for violation of injunctions;
 - f. Felony crimes;
 - g. Temporary and final hearings in DOM cases;
 - h. Modifications in DOM cases;
 - i. Shelter, Consequence, and Detention hearings in Juvenile matters; and
 - j. Probate, guardianship, Baker Acts, and Marchman Acts.
 - k. Civil Cases
 - l. Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Delinquency
 - m. Causes of actions for risk protection orders, pursuant to section 790.401, Florida Statutes
 - n. Modifications of sentences pursuant to section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, or Article 6 Section 4 of the Florida Constitution.

2. For purposes of conducting the aforementioned proceedings, I determine the following county court judges to be appropriately qualified:
 THE HONORABLE JUDITH E. ATKIN
 THE HONORABLE RHONDA E. BABB
 THE HONORABLE MICHELLE A. BAKER
 THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. BROWN
 THE HONORABLE WAYNE CULVER
 THE HONORABLE JAMES J. DEKLEVA
 THE HONORABLE KENNETH FRIEDLAND
 THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN B. GARAGOZLO
 THE HONORABLE MARK EDWARD HERR
 THE HONORABLE KELLY INGRAM
 THE HONORABLE KATIE JACOBUS
 THE HONORABLE DAVID C. KOENIG
 THE HONORABLE DEBRA L. KRAUSE
 THE HONORABLE AARON J. PEACOCK
 THE HONORABLE FRED SCHOTT
 THE HONORABLE DAVID E. SILVERMAN
 THE HONORABLE JOHN L. WOODARD, III
3. When the county court judges listed above conduct any of the circuit court matters listed in subsection 1 of this Order, the services of the county court judge are to be:
 - a. Temporary;
 - b. Directed only to the specific classes of cases listed in subsection 1 of this Order;
 - c. Limited to assisting and supplementing the circuit court judges; and
 - d. Restricted to only a fraction of the pending cases.
4. No county court judge shall be assigned to perform solely circuit court work absent a special order authorizing and directing said assignment (not to exceed sixty days in duration). Crusoe v. Rawls, 472 So.2d 1163 (Fla. 1985) (footnotes 2, 3).
5. No county court judge shall be given successive and repetitive assignments to hear all circuit court matters in any special district within the circuit, absent a special order of assignment (not to exceed sixty days in duration). Payret v. Adams, 500 So.2d 136 (Fla. 1986).
6. When any of the county court judges listed above conduct any of the circuit court matters as described in subsection 1 of this Order, that county court judge 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.
7. This Order shall be in effect for a period of six months from the date of its rendition.

DONE and ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2021.

JESSICA RECKSIEDLER
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 CHIEF JUDGE

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