

THE OFFICE OF CHIEF JUDGE, THIRD
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 78-54

IN RE: Geographical Responsibilities of Circuit Judges and
County Judges

The Order of December 22, 1977, assigning Judge Thomas J. Kennon, Jr. and Judge Declan O'Grady to all divisions of the Circuit Court in all counties of the Third Judicial Circuit is vacated and set aside effective 11:59 p.m. on January 1, 1979.

On and after January 2, 1979, and until revoked or amended by further order of this court, the following circumstances and basic responsibilities of judges shall be effective in the Third Judicial Circuit.

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Resident Office</u>	<u>Basic Responsibility</u>
Royce Agner	P. O. Drawer 1000 Perry 32347 904/584/3862	Chief Judge Columbia County Criminal Division
Wallace M. Jopling	P. O. Drawer 1009 Lake City 32055 904/755/0330	Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette Criminal Division Lafayette Juvenile
John W. Peach	P. O. Drawer Jasper 32052 904/	Madison, Taylor, Dixie Criminal Division Madison Juvenile
L. Arthur Lawrence, Jr.	Suwannee County Courthouse Live Oak 32055 904/	General Civil (Cir- cuit-wide) Regular appearances Madison each Thursday 9-12 (except 5th Thursday) Mayo 1st & 3rd Thursday 2-5 Cross City 2d & 4th Thursday 2-5

Because of his former duties as State Attorney, Judge Lawrence will not preside in criminal division for some months and thus will be more available for civil matters. The other judges, while primarily responsible for criminal matters, will also be

available for civil matters dependent upon the demands of the criminal and juvenile divisions.

All concerned are reminded that scheduling of hearings should be made only before the same judge who has previously undertaken disposition of a case. In other words, only one and the same judge should dispose of all matters in the case, absent some unusual circumstances such as recusal or sickness of the judge or some other extraordinary circumstance.

The following general rule should be followed when further activity develops in "old" cases such as child custody changes, enforcement of support, or motions to vacate (in criminal cases):

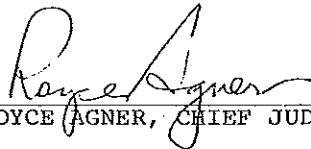
<u>If the former judge was</u>	<u>The matter should be referred to:</u>
Judge Smith	Judge Peach
Judge Kennon (in Hamilton cases)	Judge Peach
Judge Drury	Judge Lawrence
Judge Kennon (in Lafayette & Suwannee cases)	Judge Lawrence
Judge Kennon (in Columbia cases)	Judge Jopling
Judge O'Grady (in Columbia cases)	Judge Jopling
Judge O'Grady (in Lafayette, Dixie, Madison, Taylor cases)	Judge Agner
Judge O'Grady (in Suwannee cases)	Judge Lawrence
Judge O'Grady (in Hamilton cases)	Judge Peach

If Clerks are uncertain as to what referral to make (such as where more than one judge has previously disposed of matters in a case) feel free to call on the Chief Judge for help.

<u>County</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Columbia	E. Vernon Douglas	Juvenile, Myers & Baker Act Proceedings
Dixie	Marshall M. Clements	Baker Act, Emergency Admissions - 394.455(20) and 394.463(2)(c)(d); Juvenile Detention Hearings
Hamilton	David Bemby	Juvenile, Myers & Baker Act Proceedings

<u>County</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Lafayette	Foye W. O'Steen	Baker Act, Emergency Admissions - 394.455(20) and 394.463(2)(c)(d); Juvenile Detention Hearings
Madison	Wetzel Blair	Baker Act, Emergency Admissions - 394.455(20) and 394.463(2)(c)(d); Juvenile Detention Hearings
Suwannee	Thomas J. Kennon, Jr.	Juvenile, Myers & Baker Act Proceedings
Taylor	Declan O'Grady	Juvenile, Meyers & Baker Act Proceedings

DATED at Perry, Florida, on this 14th day of December, 1978, and distributed as indicated below.


 ROYCE AGNER, CHIEF JUDGE

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