

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES NO. 2011 – 024
JANUARY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2012

WHEREAS, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(a) vests in the Chief Judge authority and responsibility to develop an administrative plan for all courts within this circuit that promotes the development of the capabilities of the judges such that each judge will be qualified to serve in any division; and

WHEREAS, the geographical expansiveness of this circuit requires temporary assignments of county judges in circuit court to provide timely disposition of cases and to efficiently administer the courts, *see*, Art. V, § 11(b), Fla. Const., it is therefore

ORDERED that

The assignments set forth in this General Assignment Order are reflected on the annual master calendar which is hereby incorporated. The master calendar may be revised as needed by order of the Chief Judge and it includes schedule changes due to holidays and conferences which may affect the assignments in this order. Therefore, the master calendar should be referred to when holidays and judicial conferences arise.

The judicial assignments for the Third Judicial Circuit for the period stated above are as follows with the exception of those situations where there is a standing assignment order entered due to conflicts or recusals:

CIRCUIT JUDGES

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS¹

COLUMBIA COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Julian E. Collins	Division A. All cases with defendant's last name beginning with the letters A-K; criminal cases due to disqualifications or recusals in Division B; and adult drug treatment court.
David W. Fina	Division B. All cases with defendants' last name beginning with the letters L – Z; criminal cases due to disqualifications or recusals in Division A.

¹ For the purposes of this Order, Jimmy Ryce cases are assigned to the Circuit Criminal Divisions.

DIXIE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Paul S. Bryan Acting Circuit Judge Frederick L. Koberlein	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Bryan.
HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
E. Vernon Douglas Greg Parker	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Douglas.
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Paul S. Bryan Acting Circuit Judge Darren Jackson	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Bryan.
MADISON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
E. Vernon Douglas Greg Parker	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Douglas.
SUWANNEE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
James Roy Bean	Division B. All cases with defendants' last names beginning with the letters L – Z; and criminal cases due to disqualifications or recusals in Division A.
Leandra G. Johnson	Division A. All cases with defendants' last names beginning with the letters A-K; and criminal cases due to disqualifications or recusals in Division B.
TAYLOR COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Greg Parker	All criminal cases.
James Roy Bean	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Parker.

FAMILY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Family court assignments include unified family court (Division "UFC"), and all family law matters within Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Rule: 12.010. Cases involving Petitions for Judicial Waiver of Parental Notice of Termination of Pregnancy in the Third Judicial Circuit

will be referred immediately to Chief Judge Leandra G. Johnson, who has discretion to assign to the family division judges on a rotating basis.

Unified family court procedures pursuant to Administrative Order 2002-007A shall take precedence over assignments contained in this plan. In addition, all county court judges when acting as circuit judges of the Third Judicial Circuit are designated as juvenile court judges for the purpose 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.

FAMILY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

COLUMBIA COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Julian E. Collins	Domestic relations and DOR cases A-K; injunction for protection hearings if companion to domestic relations cases presided over by Judge Collins; truancy cases; juvenile delinquency and juvenile delinquency drug treatment court; and disqualifications or recusals from Judge Bryan.
Paul S. Bryan	Domestic relations and DOR cases L-Z; injunction for protection hearings if companion to domestic relations cases presided over by Judge Bryan and disqualifications or recusals from Judge Collins.
E. Vernon Douglas	All injunction for protection hearings, unless case is companion to a domestic relations case presided over by Judge Collins or Judge Bryan; family drug treatment court; juvenile dependency; probate and guardianship; mental health; and Marchman and Baker Acts.

DIXIE COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Frederick L. Koberlein	Domestic relations; DOR cases; injunctions for protection; juvenile delinquency and dependency; truancy cases; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; and probate and guardianship.
Paul S. Bryan	Disqualifications or recusals from Judge Koberlein.

HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Greg Parker	Domestic relations; DOR cases; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Scaff.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Uncontested family cases; injunctions for protection hearings; juvenile delinquency and dependency; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Parker.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Judge	Family Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Darren K. Jackson	Domestic relations; injunctions for protection; juvenile dependency and delinquency; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; probate and guardianship; and DOR cases.
Paul S. Bryan	All disqualifications and recusals from Judge Jackson.

MADISON COUNTY

Judge	Family Assignments
Greg Parker	Domestic relations; DOR cases; injunctions for protection; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; emergency after-hours injunction hearings; probate and guardianship; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Scaff.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Juvenile delinquency and dependency; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Parker.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Judge	Family Assignments
David W. Fina	Domestic relations, probate, and guardianship; back-up emergency after-hours injunctions for protection hearings pursuant to Assignment Order 2005-247; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Williams.
Acting Circuit Judge William F. "Lin" Williams	Juvenile delinquency and dependency; DOR cases; adult, juvenile, and dependency drug treatment court; simplified dissolutions; domestic relations agreements; injunction for protection hearings; truancy cases; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Fina.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Judge	Family Assignments
James Roy Bean	Domestic relations; injunctions for protection, juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency; probate and guardianship; DOR cases; and mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts.
Greg Parker	Disqualifications and recusals from Judge Bean.

CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Julian E. Collins	One-third of all civil cases filed; disqualifications or recusals from Judge Bryan.
Paul S. Bryan	One-third of all civil cases filed; disqualifications or recusals from Judge Johnson.
Leandra G. Johnson	One-third of all civil cases filed; disqualifications and recusals from Judge Collins.

DIXIE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Frederick L. Koberlein	All civil cases.
Paul S. Bryan	Disqualifications or recusals from Judge Koberlein.

HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Greg Parker	All civil cases and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Scaff.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Uncontested civil cases and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Parker.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Darren K. Jackson	All civil cases.
Paul S. Bryan	Disqualifications and recusals from Judge Jackson.

MADISON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Greg Parker	All civil cases.
E. Vernon Douglas	Disqualifications and recusals from Judge Parker.

SUWANNEE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
David W. Fina	Civil cases; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Williams.
Acting Circuit Judge William F. "Lin" Williams	Tuesday civil dockets, except those being handled by Judge Fina; and disqualifications and recusals from Judge Fina.

TAYLOR COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
James Roy Bean	All civil cases.
Greg Parker	Disqualifications and recusals from Judge Bean.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS CIRCUIT JUDGES

Tom Coleman, Frederick L. Koberlein, Sonny Scaff, Darren K. Jackson, William F. "Lin" Williams, and Stephen Murphy, county court judges for Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties are hereby temporarily appointed circuit judges for the Third Judicial Circuit, pursuant to Florida Statute 26.57. They are hereby vested with the respective 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 consistent with Florida Statute 26.012, which are presented to them.

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

COUNTY COURT JUDGES

COUNTY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Judge	County	Assignments
Tom Coleman ²	Columbia	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; and small claims.
Frederick L. Koberlein	Dixie	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals from Lafayette County.
Sonny Scaff	Hamilton	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals from Madison County.
Darren K. Jackson	Lafayette	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals from Taylor County.
H. Wetzel Blair	Madison	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals from Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.
William F. "Lin" Williams	Suwannee	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; and small claims.
Stephen Murphy	Taylor	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals from Dixie County.

COUNTY COURT RECUSALS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS

All county court recusals or disqualifications shall be assigned to a resident circuit judge. In the event the resident circuit judge is recused or disqualified, or there is not a resident circuit

² Emergency after-hours injunction hearings and weekend first appearance is assigned monthly to a resident Columbia County judge on a rotational basis.

judge, the recusals or disqualifications shall be assigned as outlined above to the extent possible.

**ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
TO OTHER COUNTIES WITHIN THE CIRCUIT**

When necessary for the orderly administration of the county courts of the Third Judicial Circuit, the 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.

**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT
OF CIRCUIT JUDGES AS COUNTY COURT JUDGES**

All circuit court judges of the Third Judicial Circuit are temporarily appointed to adjudicate any pending issue in any county court case in the Third Judicial Circuit.

**JURISDICTION OF
CHILD SUPPORT HEARING OFFICER AND
GENERAL MAGISTRATE**

The child support hearing officer shall hear all IV-D child support cases in the counties of the circuit as assigned. The civil traffic infraction hearing officer shall hear all civil traffic infractions in the counties of the circuit as assigned. The general magistrate shall perform duties as directed by the Chief Judge.

HEARING OFFICERS AND GENERAL MAGISTRATE		
Name of Officer	Title	Duties and/or Venue
Jennifer Kuyrkendall	Child Support Hearing Officer	DOR/Title IV-D child support hearings in Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties.
Frank Gafford	Civil Traffic Hearing Officer	Columbia County civil traffic infraction hearings.
Debbie DeNike	General Magistrate	Probate and guardianship; mortgage foreclosure; and pro se domestic relations cases in Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison Suwannee, and Taylor Counties.

CONTROL OF DOCKETS

The control of the dockets for the various divisions of court shall rest with the presiding judge.

REGULATION AND USE OF COURTROOMS

Management and use of the courtrooms and associated court space in each of the seven counties of the circuit shall be determined by the Chief Judge together with the local county judge, and the local circuit judges. Criminal matters will take precedence over civil matters.

PROCEDURE FOR CALENDARING CIRCUIT COURT CASES

All cases under circuit court jurisdiction shall be calendared before the judge assigned to the division in which the case has been filed. When a rule, statute or procedure mandates expedited judicial action on a matter and the judge assigned to the division is unavailable, the Chief Judge shall assign a judge to hear the case or cases pursuant to this order. This judge will be the next available circuit judge or a county judge in the county of jurisdiction.

This order replaces all prior General Assignment of Judges Orders.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, this 30th day of December 2011.



LEANDRA G. JOHNSON, CHIEF JUDGE