

**IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
 AMENDED GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES NO. 2013- 001(A)
 JANUARY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2013**

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:

The assignments set forth in this Amended 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 any standing assignment order entered due to conflicts or recusals:

CIRCUIT JUDGES

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS¹

COLUMBIA COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Paul S. Bryan	Division A. All cases with defendants' last name beginning with the letters A-K; Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Johnson; and adult drug treatment court.
Leandra G. Johnson	Division B. All cases with defendants' last name beginning with the letters L – Z; criminal cases due to disqualifications or recusals of Judge Bryan.
DIXIE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Wesley R. Douglas	All criminal cases.
Acting Circuit Judge Frederick L. Koberlein	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Douglas.

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

HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Decker.
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Wesley R. Douglas Acting Circuit Judge Darren Jackson	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Douglas.
MADISON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III Acting Circuit Judge E. Bailey Browning	All criminal cases. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Decker.
SUWANNEE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Julian E. Collins	Division A. All cases with defendants' last names beginning with the letters A-K; and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Fina in Division B.
David W. Fina	Division B. All cases with defendants' last names beginning with the letters L – Z; and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Collins in Division A.
TAYLOR COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Criminal Assignments
Greg Parker Acting Circuit Judge Bill Blue	All criminal cases. 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 disqualifications or recusals from Judge Douglas.
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.
Wesley R. 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; Marchman and Baker Acts; and disqualifications or recusals from Judge Bryan.

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.
Wesley R. Douglas	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Koberlein.

HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III	Domestic relations; DOR cases; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; and disqualifications and recusals of Judge Scaff.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Uncontested family cases; injunctions for protection hearings; juvenile delinquency and dependency; and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Decker.

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.
Wesley R. Douglas	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Jackson.

MADISON COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III	Domestic relations; DOR cases; injunctions for protection; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; emergency after-hours injunction hearings; probate and guardianship;
Acting Circuit Judge Browning	Juvenile delinquency and dependency; and disqualifications and recusals of Judge Decker.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Browning.

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 of Judge Williams.
Acting Circuit Judge William F. "Lin" Williams	Juvenile delinquency and dependency; DOR cases; dependency drug treatment court; simplified dissolutions; domestic relations agreements; injunction for protection hearings; truancy cases; mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts; and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Fina.

TAYLOR COUNTY	
Judge	Family Assignments
Greg Parker	Domestic relations; injunctions for protection; probate and guardianship; DOR cases; and mental health, Marchman and Baker Acts. Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Blue.
Acting Circuit Judge Bill Blue	Juvenile delinquency and dependency, and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Parker.

CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

COLUMBIA COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Julian E. Collins	One-third of all civil cases filed; disqualifications or recusals of Judge Bryan.
Paul S. Bryan	One-third of all civil cases filed, except foreclosure cases which shall be assigned to Judge Collins and Judge Johnson on a rotating basis ; disqualifications or recusals of Judge Johnson.
Leandra G. Johnson	One-third of all civil cases filed; disqualifications or recusals of Judge Collins.

DIXIE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Frederick L. Koberlein	All civil cases.
Wesley R. Douglas	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Koberlein.

HAMILTON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III	All civil cases and disqualifications and recusals of Judge Scaff.
Acting Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff	Uncontested civil cases and disqualifications or recusals of Judge Decker.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Acting Circuit Judge Darren K. Jackson	All civil cases.
Wesley R. Douglas	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Jackson.

MADISON COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Andrew J. Decker, III	All civil cases.
Acting Circuit Judge E. Bailey Browning	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Decker.

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

TAYLOR COUNTY	
Judge	Circuit Civil Assignments
Greg Parker	All civil cases.
Acting Circuit Judge Bill Blue	Disqualifications or recusals of Judge Parker.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS CIRCUIT JUDGES

Each county court judge in the Third Judicial Circuit is hereby temporarily appointed circuit judge 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 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.

Upon the retirement of the Honorable Frederick L. Koberlein, all of his assignments shall be the responsibility of the Honorable Wesley R. Douglas until further order.

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 or disqualifications from Lafayette County.
Sonny Scaff	Hamilton	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals or disqualifications from Madison County.
Darren K. Jackson	Lafayette	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals or disqualifications from Taylor County.
E. Bailey Browning	Madison	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals or disqualifications from Hamilton County.
William F. "Lin" Williams	Suwannee	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; and small claims.
Bill Blue	Taylor	Misdemeanor; traffic; county civil; small claims; and county court recusals or disqualifications from Dixie County.

COUNTY COURT RECUSALS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise indicated in this Order or designated by the Chief Judge, all county court recusals or disqualifications shall be assigned to the resident circuit judge of that county.

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

In Columbia County, Judge Bryan is assigned all recusals or disqualifications of County Judge Tom Coleman.

**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.
Mark Feagle	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 at the discretion of the Chief 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 in consultation with the local county and 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 orders of General Assignment of Judges.

7th **DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, this day of February, 2013, *nunc pro tunc* to January 1, 2013.


LEANDRA G. JOHNSON, CHIEF JUDGE