

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-002**

**DESIGNATING CIRCUIT JUDGES TO PRESIDE OVER HEARINGS ON MOTIONS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY ATTORNEY FEES SOUGHT FROM THE
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS the “Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and unusual effort.” *See* § 27.5304(12), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS section 27.5304(12)(b), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Chief Judge of every multicounty circuit to designate two judges to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine motions to exceed the fee limit, filed pursuant to section 27.5304(12)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS the geographic location and number of cases supports the need for a designee to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine the above-referenced motions filed in Columbia, Dixie, and Suwannee Counties; and

WHEREAS the geographic location and number of cases supports the need for a designee to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine the above-referenced motions filed in Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, and Taylor Counties,

It is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that **effective immediately**:

1. Circuit Judge Mark E. Feagle is designated to preside over all evidentiary hearings and determine all motions filed pursuant to section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, in **Columbia, Dixie, and Suwannee Counties**.
2. Circuit Judge Greg S. Parker is designated to preside over all evidentiary hearings and determine all motions filed pursuant to section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, in **Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, and Taylor Counties**.
3. If Judge Feagle becomes unavailable to preside over an evidentiary hearing or determine a motion filed pursuant to section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, in Columbia, Dixie or Suwannee County, Judge Parker is designated to perform those duties.
4. If Judge Parker becomes unavailable to preside over an evidentiary hearing or determine a motion filed pursuant to section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, in Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, or Taylor County, Judge Feagle is designated to perform those duties.

5. In accordance with section 27.5304(12)(a), Florida Statutes, an attorney filing a motion pursuant to section 27.5304, must send a copy of the motion to the office of the Chief Judge, **and** to the office of the Circuit Judge designated herein for the county in which the motion is filed to coordinate scheduling and disposition of the motion.

DONE AND ORDERED in Columbia County, Florida, this 18th day of October 2023.



MELISSA GATES OLIN, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Third Circuit Judges and Judicial Assistants
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