

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR COLUMBIA, DIXIE, HAMILTON, LAFAYETTE, MADISON,
SUWANNEE AND TAYLOR COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-002
APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL PROFESSIONALISM PANEL MEMBER**

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, the Florida Supreme Court issued Opinion No. SC2023-0884, adopting the Code for Resolving Professionalism Referrals; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Supreme Court ordered the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit to create and maintain in continuous operation a Local Professionalism Panel to receive, screen, and act on any referrals of claimed unprofessional conduct and to resolve those referrals informally, if possible, or refer them to The Florida Bar, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2023, this Court entered Administrative Orders 2023-004 and 2023-005, which, respectively, established the Third Judicial Circuit's Local Professionalism Panel, and appointed members to the Local Professionalism Panel; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the panel has occurred due to the retirement of The Honorable Leandra G. Johnson, and it is necessary to appoint a panel member to the Local Professionalism Panel to fill the vacancy.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and under mandate from the Florida Supreme Court, and pursuant to Administrative Order 2023-004,

IT IS THEREFORE,

ORDERED that The Honorable Kathryn R. Land is appointed as a member of the Local Professionalism Panel to fulfill the remaining term of The Honorable Leandra G. Johnson, commencing on January 7, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2026.

DONE AND ORDERED in Columbia County, Florida, this 7th day of January, 2026.



Melissa Gates Olin, Chief Judge

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All Judges of the Third Judicial Circuit

All Magistrates and Hearing Officers of the Third Judicial Circuit

All Clerks of Court of the Third Judicial Circuit

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