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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-14

IN RE: TEMPORARY CIRCUIT CIVIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR ELECTION-RELATED CASES

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge assigns judges to the courts and divisions by the authority of Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge may assign any judge to temporary service for which the judge is qualified in any court of the same circuit by the authority of Rule 2.215(b)(4); Florida Rules of Judicial Administration;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

I. Beginning October 19, 2020, the Leon County Clerk of the Circuit Court will notify the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Civil Division for Leon County (hereinafter Administrative Judge) when an election-related case arising from the general election of November 3, 2020 (hereinafter election-related case) is filed.

II. Upon review by the Administrative Judge to ensure the case satisfies the criteria contemplated by this order, the first election-related case will be assigned to Judge John C. Cooper. The second election-related case will be assigned in alphabetical order to Judge Angela C. Dempsey, with the subsequent election-related case assigned to Charles W. Dodson. The next three cases will be assigned one each in alphabetical order to Judge John C. Cooper, Judge Angela C. Dempsey, and Judge Charles W. Dodson.

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III. Once six election-related cases have been assigned to the judges assigned to the Circuit Civil Division for Leon County, three additional circuit judges shall be temporarily assigned to the Circuit Civil Division for Leon County. These temporary assignments are:

A. Circuit Judge Kevin J. Carroll;

B. Circuit Judge Stephen Everett; and

C. Circuit Judge Ronald W. Flury.

IV. Each of these judges shall be assigned one election-related case in alphabetical order, as listed above, and as a group be assigned election-related cases seven through nine.

V. Subsequent case assignments will be randomly made by the Leon Clerk of the Circuit Court until each of the six judges now in the Circuit Civil Division for Leon County has received one additional case. The next six election-related cases will be randomly assigned in the same manner, with this process continuing for as long as necessary.

VI. Nothing in this order prohibits the Chief Judge from taking other appropriate action for reasons of judicial economy and efficiency.

VII. Insofar as possible, circuit judges, county judges, and senior judges not otherwise assigned or specially assigned to the Circuit Civil Division for Leon County shall use the authority found in IX.A. and IX.B., Second Circuit Administrative Order 2020-10, as amended, to supplement and aid in keeping their colleague's caseload current.

VIII. The Second Circuit's Office of Court Administration and Lead Senior Trial Court Staff Attorney shall keep a roster of staff dedicated to assisting judges assigned to election-related cases.

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IX. This order is effective immediately and shall be automatically rescinded upon the final disposition, including appeals, of election-related cases and may be amended, modified or rescinded by further administrative order.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 15 day of October, 2020.

JONATHAN SJOSTROM
Chief Judge

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