



IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-04
SEVENTH AMENDMENT

IN RE: CIRCUIT AND COUNTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, provides that the Chief Judge shall assign judges to the courts and divisions and determine the length of each assignment along with designating administrative judges to assist in the supervision of the court; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2024-04, In Re: Circuit and County Judge Assignments, as amended, currently sets forth the judicial assignments of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Circuit Judge Joshua M. Hawkes has returned from his active military assignment and will resume his judicial duties; it is therefore,


ORDERED that the following amendment is effective March 30, 2026:

Paragraph IV.A.2. is amended as follows:

Civil Division: Each division shall be assigned 33.33% of all civil cases and prisoner petitions.

- a. Division S: Circuit Judge Angela C. Dempsey
- b. Division U: Circuit Judge Joshua M. Hawkes¹
- c. Division V: Circuit Judge Jonathan Sjostrom
- d. Circuit Judge Angela C. Dempsey shall serve as the administrative judge over the Leon County Civil Division. The administrative judge may reassign civil cases as necessary to ensure equitable assignment. In addition, the administrative judge shall be assigned all appeals from final administrative orders of local government code enforcement boards and of reviews and appeals as otherwise expressly provided by law.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 24th day of March 2026.


FRANCIS J. ALLMAN
CHIEF JUDGE

¹All cases previously assigned to Circuit Judge John C. Cooper are transferred to Circuit Judge Joshua M. Hawkes.