



**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-04
EIGHTH 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; it is therefore,

ORDERED, that the following amendments set out below are effective April 2, 2026:

I. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

- A. Circuit Judge Michael Beato¹ shall be assigned all circuit cases and appeals from final administrative orders of local government code enforcement boards and of reviews and appeals as otherwise expressly provided by law.

IV. LEON COUNTY

A. CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Criminal Division:** Divisions A through D shall be assigned 25% of all criminal cases.
- a. Division A: Circuit Judge Tiffany Baker-Carper
 - b. Division B: Circuit Judge TBD
 - c. Division C: Circuit Judge Stephen S. Everett
 - d. Division D: Circuit Judge Jonathan Sjostrom
 - e. Division SW: Circuit Judge Stephen S. Everett
 - f. Circuit Judge Stephen S. Everett shall serve as the administrative judge over the Leon County Criminal Division and shall be assigned Leon County Grand Jury duties. He may delegate these duties to other judges in the Criminal Division as necessary.

¹ All open and reopened cases previously assigned to Circuit Judge Francis J. Allman shall be transferred to Circuit Judge Michael Beato.

2. 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. Hawkes
- c. Division V: Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh²
- 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.

3. Family Division:

- a. Division G³: Circuit Judge Barbara K. Hobbs shall be assigned all dependency cases.
- b. Division H: Circuit Judge Andrew Sheeran⁴ shall be assigned all delinquency cases.
- c. Division I: Circuit Judge Jeremiah Hawkes shall be assigned 50% of all family cases.
- d. Division J: Circuit Judge Anthony Miller shall be assigned 50% of all family cases.
- e. Division K: Circuit Judge Andrew Sheeran⁴ shall be assigned all protective injunction cases.
- f. Circuit Judge Anthony Miller shall serve as the administrative judge over the Leon County Family Division. The administrative judge may reassign family cases and adjust the magistrate and hearing officer assignments in consultation with the Chief Judge. In addition, the administrative judge may issue calendars for protective injunctions, emergency filings, or any other matter deemed appropriate for the division.
- g. Magistrates assigned to Leon County shall hear pro se family cases and all reopened family cases, except for uncontested family cases, simplified dissolution of marriage cases, dependency, termination of parental rights trials, delinquency, and protective injunctions.

² All open and reopened cases previously assigned to Circuit Judge Jonathan Sjostrom shall be transferred to Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh.

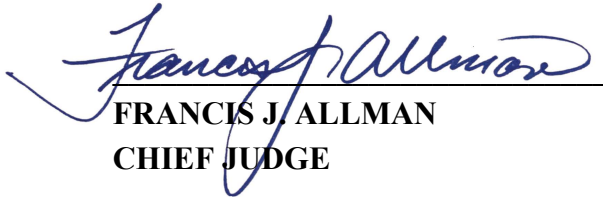
³ Includes all matters under Chapter 39, including dependency and termination of parental rights, all Unified Family Court Section cases as defined and identified pursuant to Administrative Order 2013-08, adoption cases (excluding uncontested adoptions filed under Chapter 63).

⁴ All open and reopened cases previously assigned to Circuit Judge Michael Beato shall be transferred to Circuit Judge Andrew Sheeran.

4. Probate Division:

Circuit Judge Jason L. Jones and Circuit Judge Michael Beato shall each be assigned 50%⁵ of all probate and guardianship cases, except for Baker Act, Marchman Act and Risk Protection Order cases.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 31st day of March 2026.


FRANCIS J. ALLMAN
CHIEF JUDGE

⁵ Half of all open and reopened probate and guardianship cases shall be transferred from Circuit Judge Jason L. Jones to Circuit Judge Michael Beato, as directed by the Office of Court Administration in consultation with the Leon County Clerk's Office.