IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-01
(RESCINDS 2019-06, THIRD AMENDMENT)

IN RE: RESCINDS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-06, FIRST APPEARANCE AND PRETRIAL DETENTION PROCEDURES, THIRD AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2019-06, third amendment was issued on August 21, 2026 in response to an emergency related to the newly implemented electronic data system for the Leon County detention facility system, which directly impacted the reliability of electronic records necessary for First Appearance; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the collaboration of court stakeholders and Leon County, after practice and testing, the electronic system has been restored for First Appearance and is now providing reliable data; and,

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary to conduct First Appearance in person at the Leon County Courthouse, and it is no longer necessary for paper packets to be provided at First Appearance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided to the Chief Judge by the Florida Constitution, section 2(d), Article V; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration; it is therefore:

ORDERED, effective immediately:

1. Administrative Order 2019-06, Third Amendment, First Appearance and Pretrial Detention Procedures, is hereby rescinded.
2. Beginning, Thursday, September 3, 2026, Leon County First Appearance shall return to remote proceedings in Courtroom 2D as established and detailed in Administrative Order 2019-06, Second Amendment.
3. The Leon County Detention Facility is no longer required to transport incarcerated inmates for First Appearance, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
4. It is no longer necessary that complete paper packets of the First Appearance paperwork be provided, the stakeholders may return to the digital process that was in place for the exchange of paperwork prior to August 18, 2026.
5. Administrative Order 2019-06, Second Amendment, remains in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 2nd day of September 2026.

FRANCIS J. ALLMAN
CHIEF JUDGE