

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3-38.5

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT LANDLORD
TENANT EVICTION AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES**

WHEREAS, county court landlord tenant eviction and unlawful detainer cases are currently assigned based on the zip code of the property identified in the complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Court has determined that the efficient administration of justice necessitates that the Court reallocate judicial resources and change how county court landlord tenant eviction and unlawful detainer cases are assigned; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is ORDERED that:

1. Beginning January 4, 2024, all new landlord tenant eviction complaints and unlawful detainer actions shall be assigned to Division M8.
2. On January 2, 2024, the Polk County Clerk of Courts is hereby directed to reassign all disposed and pending landlord tenant eviction and unlawful detainer cases from Divisions M0, M9, L-1, and W-3 to Division M8.
3. Beginning on November 28, 2023, all landlord tenant eviction and unlawful detainer hearings set prior to January 4, 2024, that are scheduled to be heard on or after January 4, 2024, shall be set on the Division M8 docket.
4. Effective January 3, 2024, this Order VACATES and SUPERCEDES Administrative Order 3-38.4, entered on October 6, 2022.

DONE and ORDERED this 28th day of November, 2023.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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Trial Court Administrator