

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL ORDER

**AMENDING EXHIBITS A, D and E OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-1.66
“ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES JANUARY 6, 2025 THROUGH JULY 6, 2025”**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 1-1.66 provides for the assignments of judges from January 6, 2025, through July 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Judge John C. Waters was recently appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the circuit court vacancy created by Judge Wayne Durden’s retirement; and

WHEREAS, for the prompt and efficient administration of justice, it is necessary to amend Exhibits A, D and E; it is therefore

ORDERED and DIRECTED that, effective March 10, 2025, Exhibits A, D and E to Administrative Order No. 1-1.66 are hereby superseded by the attached amended Exhibits A, D and E.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 21st day of February, 2025.

s/James A. Yancey, Chief Judge

Original: Polk County Clerk of Courts

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All Judges
Hardee County Clerk of Courts
Highlands County Clerk of Courts
Polk County Clerk of Courts
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EXHIBIT A
ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES TO SECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENT OF NEW CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS
JANUARY 6, 2025 THROUGH JULY 6, 2025

UNITS: TITLES AND AMOUNTS

POLK COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
F1: PINCKET		5							
F2: CARPANINI		5							
F3: DENMARK		5							
F4: RAMIREZ		5							
F5: COMBEE		5							
F6: SPOHR		5							
F7: HARB		5							
F8/17: BARBER (PSC/COMP/MH) (SC Adm. Judge)		3					2		
F9: ABDONEY (Capital) (Adm. Judge)	2	3							
01/80: WATERS				5					
02/80: GRAVITT				5					
04: MCDANIEL	5								
05/80: SPOTO (Adm. Judge)				5					
07: OJEDA	5								
08: MASTERS	5								
09/80: HILL				5					
13/80: WINSTEAD				5					
14: MOORE (Adm. Judge)					5				
15: SWENSON (Adm. Judge)	5								
30/31: YANCEY	1					1		3	
J1: FRANKLIN (DEP)			5						
J2: SITES (DEL)			5						
J4: BUTZ (DEP) (Adm. Judge)			5						
17(relief as needed): PATTEY							0.25		
80 (Simplified DOM): PATTEY									1
TOTALS	23	41	15	25	5	1	2.25	3	1
HIGHLANDS COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
06: WARD		5							
10: BEATO	4	1							
12: COWDEN				5					
JR: ESTRADA (Adm. Judge) Juvenile/Probate/Guardianship- Mental Health/Risk Protection			2		1.5		1.5		
TOTALS	4	6	2	5	1.5	0	1.5	0	0
HARDEE COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
03: RAFOOL (Adm. Judge)	1	2	1	0.75	0.125	0	0.125	0	0
TOTALS	1	2	1	0.75	0.125	0	0.125	0	0

EXHIBIT D
JURY TRIAL SCHEDULE
JANUARY 6, 2025 THROUGH JULY 6, 2025

WEEK OF	JANUARY			
	6	13	20	27
FELONY (POLK)	F2	F1	F2	F1
	F5	F3	F4	F3
		F6		F5
	F9	F9	F9	F9
CIVIL (POLK)	7	15	8	4
	15	8	4	
HIGHLANDS	JT	JT		
HARDEE		JT		

FEBRUARY			
3	10	17	24
F2	F3	F1	F2
F4	F5	F4	F5
F6		F6	
F9	F9	F9	F9
7	7	15	8
	15	8	4
	JT	JT	
	JT		

MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31
F1	F2	F1	F2	F3
F3	F4	F3	F4	F5
F6		F5	F6	
F9	F9	F9	F9	F9
4	7	7	15	8
		15	8	4
		JT	JT	
JT				

WEEK OF	APRIL			
	7	14	21	28
FELONY (POLK)	F1	F2	F1	F2
	F3	F5	F3	F4
	F6		F6	
	F9	F9	F9	F9
CIVIL (POLK)	4	7	7	15
			15	8
HIGHLANDS			JT	JT
HARDEE			JT	

MAY			
5	12	19	26
F1	F2	F3	F1
F3	F4	F5	F4
F5	F6		F6
F9	F9	F9	F9
8	4	7	7
4			15
		JT	JT
		JT	

JUNE				
2	9	16	23	30
F2	F1	F2	F1	F2
F5	F3	F4	F3	F4
	F6		F5	F6
F9	F9	F9	F9	F9
15	8	4	7	7
8	4			15
		JT	JT	
		JT		

SECTION	JUDGE
F1	PINCKET
F2	CARPANINI
F3	DENMARK
F4	RAMIREZ
F5	COMBEE
F6	SPOHR
F7	HARB
F8/17	BARBER
F9	ABDONEY
1/80	WATERS
2/80	GRAVITT
3	RAFOOL
4	MCDANIEL
5/80	SPOTO
6	WARD
30/31	YANCEY

SECTION	JUDGE
JV/Prob/Guard-MH/RPO	ESTRADA
7	OJEDA
8	MASTERS
9/80	HILL
10	BEATO
12	COWDEN
13/80	WINSTEAD
14	MOORE
15	SWENSON
J1	FRANKLIN
J2	SITES
J4	BUTZ
RJ	HORTON
17 Relief /Simplified DOM	PATTEY

EXHIBIT E
CALENDAR FOR CHAMBER HEARINGS
JANUARY 6, 2025 THROUGH JULY 6, 2025

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
01/80	<p style="text-align: center;">JOHN C. WATERS POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Miranda Brooks (863) 534-4645; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J116, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	06	<p style="text-align: center;">DAVID V. WARD HIGHLANDS FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Denise Delgado (863) 402-6901; (863) 402-6918 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
02/80	<p style="text-align: center;">MELISSA GRAVITT POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Cheryl Starling (863) 534-4684; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J135, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	07	<p style="text-align: center;">REINALDO OJEDA POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kaley Lindsey (863) 534-6931; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J167, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
03	<p style="text-align: center;">BRANDON J. RAFOOL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE Hardee Civil, Family, Felony, Juvenile, Mental Health, and Probate Judicial Assistant: Ursula Nathey (863) 773-6547; (863) 773-3505 (fax) 417 W. Main St. Suite 327 Wauchula 33873 Monday – Friday, Wauchula (863) 534-6963; (863) 534-4454 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J115, Bartow 33831-9000</p>	08	<p style="text-align: center;">ELLEN S. MASTERS POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Stephanie Lavoie (863) 534-4669; (863) 534-7783(fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J145, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
04	<p style="text-align: center;">MICHAEL P. MCDANIEL POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Julie Duffey (863) 534-2505; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J134, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	09/80	<p style="text-align: center;">GERALD P. HILL, II POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kimberly Jenkins (863) 534-2522; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J109, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
05/80	<p style="text-align: center;">KEITH P. SPOTO ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Melissa Eldridge (863) 534-5862; (863) 534-5832 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J152, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	10	<p style="text-align: center;">HEATHER BEATO HIGHLANDS CIVIL DIVISION (VOP/COMP) Judicial Assistant: Cassie Cook (863) 402-6959; (863) 402-6977 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>

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12	<p>ANGELA J. COWDEN HIGHLANDS FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Anita Reiley (863) 402-6617; (863) 402-6620(fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>	30/31	<p>JAMES A. YANCEY CHIEF JUDGE APPEALS/WRITS/ADMINISTRATIVE/RISK PROTECTION Judicial Assistant: Juli Reublin (863) 534-4576; (863) 534-4626 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J146, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
13/80	<p>LORI A. WINSTEAD POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Mallory Freeman (863) 534-5820; (863) 534-2555 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J160, Bartow 33831-9000</p>	J1	<p>SHARON M. FRANKLIN POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Amy Tolley (863) 534-4693; (863) 534-5824 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J173, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
14	<p>DANA Y. MOORE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK PROBATE DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Sharon Boggan (863) 534-5840; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J141, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J2	<p>WILLIAM D. SITES POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DELINQUENCY) Judicial Assistant: Wendy Watson (863) 534-4456; (863) 534-4495 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J147, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
15	<p>JENNIFER A. SWENSON ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Karen Starling (863) 534-4962; (863) 534-4689 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J162, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J4	<p>KELLY P. BUTZ ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Cynthia Marazzito (863) 534-6907; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J174, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
F1	<p>MICHELLE PINCKET POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Melanie Komorowski (863)534-6909; (863) 534-7783 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J170, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	JR	<p>PETER F. ESTRADA ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HIGHLANDS COUNTY Juvenile/Probate/ Guardianship-Mental Health/Risk Protection Judicial Assistant: Sierra Aguilera (863) 402-6994; (863) 402-6993 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
F2	<p>MARK F. CARPANINI POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Brinna Allbritton (863) 534-4149; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J155, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	F9	<p>J. KEVIN ABDONEY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FELONY DIVISION (Capital) Judicial Assistant: Cindy Stevens (863) 534-6961; (863) 534-4094 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J165, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>

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F3	<p>CASSANDRA L. DENMARK POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Breanna Dexter (863) 534-4653; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J132, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		<p>Polk County Courthouse 255 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830 Clerk (863) 534-4000</p> <p>Highlands County Courthouse 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 Clerk (863) 402-6564 County Judge (863) 402-6614; (863) 402-6930 (fax)</p> <p>Hardee County Courthouse 417 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL 33873 Clerk (863) 773-4174 County Judge (863) 773-3174; (863) 773-4165 (fax)</p> <p>Administrative Office of the Courts P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J102, Bartow, FL 33831-9000 (863) 534-4686; (863) 534-4699 (fax)</p>
F4	<p>BRENDA P. RAMIREZ POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Janet Caudillo (863) 534-4366; (863) 534-5824 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J137, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
F5	<p>CATHERINE L. COMBEE POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Keila Morales-Gonzalez (863) 534-4550; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J164, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
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F8/17	<p>SUSAN L. BARBER POLK FELONY/PSC/COMP/MH DIVISIONS SPECIALTY COURTS ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE Judicial Assistant: Kyndal Witt (863) 534-6934; (863) 534-4024 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J166, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		