

**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. 1-1.56  
“ASSIGNMENTS OF JUDGES JANUARY 6, 2020 THROUGH JULY 5, 2020”**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 1-1.56 provides for the assignments of judges from January 2, 2018, through July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A provides for the assignments of judges to sections and the apportionment of caseload assignments, Exhibit D provides the jury trial schedule, and Exhibit E provides the calendar for chamber hearings; 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ORDERED and DIRECTED that Exhibits A, D, and E of Administrative Order No. 1-1.52 are hereby superseded by the attached amended Exhibits A, D, and E (amended April 9, 2020) to reflect that: 1) Circuit Judge Catherine L. Combee is reassigned to Family Division 01; 2) the judicial assignment for Polk Circuit Civil Division 07 is TBD (“to be determined”); and Circuit Judge Wayne M. Durden is the Polk County Circuit Civil Administrative Judge. This Order and the amendments to Exhibits A, D, and E are effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 13, 2020.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

s/ELLEN S. MASTERS, Chief Judge

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES TO SECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENT OF NEW CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS**  
**JANUARY 6, 2020 THROUGH JULY 5, 2020**

UNITS: TITLES AND AMOUNTS

POLK COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
F1: SITES		5							
F2: MCDANIEL		5							
F3: JACOBSEN		5							
F4: ABDONEY (Adm. Judge)		5							
F5: HELMS		5							
F6: SPOTO		5							
F9: HARB (CAPITAL)	2	3							
VP: CARPANINI		5							
01: COMBEE				5					
02: MOORE				5					
04: HILL	5								
05: FRANKLIN				5					
07: TBD	5								
08: SELPH	5								
09: YANCEY (Adm. Judge)				5					
11: DURDEN (Adm. Judge)	5								
13: OJEDA				5					
14: STARGEL (Adm. Judge)					3		2		
15: RADABAUGH	5								
30: MASTERS						2		3	
J1/MH/18: PINCKET (DEP) (Adm. Judge)			5						
J2: GRAVITT (DEL)			5						
J4/MH/17: Wm. BRUCE SMITH (DEP)			5						
RJ: HORTON			0.5						
80: FEGERS									1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
HIGHLANDS COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
06: ESTRADA		5							
10: WARD	5								
12: BUTZ				5					
COWDEN (Adm. Judge) Juvenile/Probate/Guardianship- Mental Health/Family Relief			2	1.5	1				0.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
HARDEE COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
03: RAIDEN (Adm. Judge)	1	2	1	0.75	0.125	0	0.125	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**EXHIBIT D**  
**JURY TRIAL SCHEDULE**  
**JANUARY 6, 2020 THROUGH JULY 5, 2020**

WEEK OF	JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH				
	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23	30
FELONY (POLK)	F1	F1	F1	F1	F2	F1	F1	F1	F1	F1	F2	F1	F1
	F2	F2	F2	F2	F3	F3	F2	F2	F2	F2	F3	F3	F2
	F4	F3	F3	F3	F4	F4	F4	F3	F3	F3	F4	F4	F4
	F5	F5	F4	F4	F5	F5	F5	F5	F4	F4	F5	F5	F5
	F6	F6	F6	F5	F6	F6	F6	F6	F6	F5	F6	F6	F6
	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9
CIVIL (POLK)	11	7	15	8	4	11	7	15	8	4	11	7	15
HIGHLANDS	7	15	8	4	11	7	15	8	4	11	7	15	8
HARDEE		JT				JT				JT			
		JT				JT				JT			

WEEK OF	APRIL				MAY				JUNE				
	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
FELONY (POLK)	F1	F1	F1	F2	F1	F1	F1	F1	A	F1	F2	F1	F1
	F2	F2	F2	F3	F3	F2	F2	F2	J	F2	F3	F3	F2
	F3	F3	F3	F4	F4	F4	F3	F3	S	F3	F4	F4	F4
	F5	F4	F4	F5	F5	F5	F5	F4		F4	F5	F5	F5
	F6	F6	F5	F6	F6	F6	F6	F6		F5	F6	F6	F6
	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9	F9		F9	F9	F9	F9
CIVIL (POLK)	8	4	11	7	15	8	4	11	7	15	8	4	11
HIGHLANDS	4	11	7	15	8	4	11	7	15	8	4	11	7
HARDEE		JT				JT				JT			
		JT				JT				JT			

SECTION	JUDGE
F1	SITES
F2	MCDANIEL
F3	JACOBSEN
F4	ABDONEY
F5	HELMS
F6	SPOTO
F9	HARB
VP	CARPANINI
1	COMBEE
2	MOORE
3	RAIDEN
4	HILL
5	FRANKLIN
6	ESTRADA
30	MASTERS

SECTION	JUDGE
JV/Prob/Guard-MH/Fam. Relief	COWDEN
7	TBD
8	SELPH
9	YANCEY
10	WARD
11	DURDEN
12	BUTZ
13	OJEDA
14	STARGEL
15	RADABAUGH
J1	PINCKET
J2	GRAVITT
J4	SMITH
JR	COWDEN
80	FEGERS

**NOTE:** These are designated weeks for jury trials only. Judges needing additional trial weeks are requested to coordinate schedules with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

**EXHIBIT E**  
**CALENDAR FOR CHAMBER HEARINGS**  
**JANUARY 6, 2020 THROUGH JULY 5, 2020**

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
<b>01</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CATHERINE L. COMBEE</b>  <b>POLK FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Karen Starling            (863) 534-4550; (863) 534-4098 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J164,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>06</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETER F. ESTRADA</b>  <b>HIGHLANDS FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Lisa McIntyre            (863) 402-6994; (863) 402-6993 (fax)            430 South Commerce Avenue            Sebring 33870            Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
<b>02</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DANA Y. MOORE</b>  <b>POLK FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Sharon Washington            (863) 534-5840; (863) 534-4373 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J141,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>07</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TBD</b>  <b>POLK CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Lisa Schrader            (863) 534-4688; (863) 534-5832 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J158,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>03</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MICHAEL E. RAIDEN</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>Hardee Civil, Family, Felony, Juvenile,</b>  <b>Mental Health, and Probate</b>            Judicial Assistant: Dale Edwards            (863) 773-6547; (863) 773-3505 (fax)            417 W. Main St. Suite 327, P.O. Drawer Box 1749            Wauchula 33873            Monday – Friday, Wauchula            (863) 534-4366; (863) 534-4108 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J137,            Bartow 33831-9000</p>	<b>08</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STEVEN L. SELPH</b>  <b>POLK CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Sandie Williamson            (863) 534-4628; (863) 534-7783 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J113,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>04</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GERALD P. HILL, II</b>  <b>POLK CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Kimberly Jenkins            (863) 534-2522; (863) 534-7723 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J109,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>09</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JAMES A. YANCEY</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>POLK FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Juli Reublin            (863) 534-4576; (863) 534-5824 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J146,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>05</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHARON M. FRANKLIN</b>  <b>POLK FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Amy Tolley            (863) 534-4693; (863) 534-5824 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J173,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>10</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAVID V. WARD</b>  <b>HIGHLANDS CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Denise Delgado            (863) 402-6901; (863) 402-6918 (fax)            430 South Commerce Avenue            Sebring 33870            Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>

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<b>11</b>	<p><b>WAYNE M. DURDEN</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>POLK CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Cheryl Hess            (863) 534-4645; (863) 534-7724 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J116,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>30</b>	<p><b>ELLEN S. MASTERS</b>  <b>CHIEF JUDGE</b>            Judicial Assistant: Stephanie Lavoie            (863) 534-4669; (863) 534-4626 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J145,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>KELLY P. BUTZ</b>  <b>HIGHLANDS FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Cynthia Marazzito            (863) 402-6959; (863) 402-6620 (fax)            430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870            Monday – Friday, Sebring            (863) 534-6907; (863) 534-7723 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J174,            Bartow 33831-9000</p>	<b>J1/MH/18</b>	<p><b>MICHELLE O. PINCKET</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>POLK JUVENILE DEPENDENCY / MENTAL HEALTH/RISK PROTECTION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Jennifer Brown            (863)534-6909; (863) 534-7722 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J170,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>REINALDO OJEDA</b>  <b>POLK FAMILY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Tammy Furlong            (863) 534-6931; (863) 534-4373 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J167,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>J2</b>	<p><b>MELISSA GRAVITT</b>  <b>POLK JUVENILE DELINQUENCY</b>            Judicial Assistant: Karen Scholten            (863) 534-4684; (863) 534-4098 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J135,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>JOHN K. STARGEL</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>POLK PROBATE DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Liz Medina            (863) 534-4910; (863) 534-7721 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J157,            Bartow 33831-9000</p>	<b>J4/MH/17</b>	<p><b>WM. BRUCE SMITH</b>  <b>POLK JUVENILE DIVISION DEPENDENCY/MENTAL HEALTH/RISK PROTECTION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Leslie Carroll            (863) 534-4653; (863) 534-4665 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J132,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>JOHN M. RADABAUGH</b>  <b>POLK CIVIL DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Sally Utsey            (863) 534-6963; (863) 534- 4454 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J115,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>JR</b>	<p><b>ANGELA J. COWDEN</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>HIGHLANDS COUNTY Juvenile/Probate/            Guardianship-Mental Health/Family Relief</b>            Judicial Assistant: Anita Reiley            (863) 402-6617; (863) 402-6620(fax)            430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870            Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
<b>F1</b>	<p><b>WILLIAM D. SITES</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Wendy Watson            (863) 534-4456; (863) 534-4495 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J147,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	<b>VP</b>	<p><b>MARK F. CARPANINI</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION (VOP)</b>            Judicial Assistant: Lisa Pynes            (863) 534-4149; (863) 534-7724 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J155,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>

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<b>F2</b>	<p><b>MICHAEL P. MCDANIEL</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Julie Duffey            (863) 534-2505; (863) 534-4665 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J134,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		<p><b>Polk County Courthouse</b>            255 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830            Clerk (863) 534-4000</p> <p><b>Highlands County Courthouse</b>            430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870            Clerk (863) 402-6564            County Judge (863) 402-6614; (863) 402-6930 (fax)</p> <p><b>Hardee County Courthouse</b>            417 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL 33873            Clerk (863) 773-4174            County Judge (863) 773-3174; (863) 773-4165 (fax)</p> <p><b>Administrative Office of the Courts</b>            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J102, Bartow, FL 33831-9000            (863) 534-4686; (863) 534-4699 (fax)</p>
<b>F3</b>	<p><b>DONALD G. JACOBSEN</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Melanie Komorowski            (863) 534-4649; (863) 534-7783 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J107,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
<b>F4</b>	<p><b>J. KEVIN ABDONEY</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Cindy Stevens            (863) 534-6961; (863) 534-4094 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J165,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
<b>F5</b>	<p><b>LARRY HELMS</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Babs Franck            (863) 534-6908; (863) 534-4454 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J172,            Bartow, FL 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
<b>F6</b>	<p><b>KEITH P. SPOTO</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION</b>            Judicial Assistant: Joanna Delacerda            (863) 534-5862; (863) 534-5832 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J152,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
<b>F9</b>	<p><b>JALAL A. HARB</b>  <b>POLK FELONY DIVISION (CAPITAL)</b>            Judicial Assistant: Cindy Sullivan            (863) 534-4077; (863) 534-4495 (fax)            P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J140,            Bartow 33831-9000            Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		