

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2017-14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES,  
FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES FOR THE  
CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of Rule 2.215(b)(5), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the chief judge may designate a judge in any court or court division of circuit or county courts as “administrative judge” of any court or division to assist with the administrative supervision of the court or division; and

**WHEREAS**, the administrative judges and associate administrative judges shall be responsible to the chief judge, shall have the power and duty to carry out the responsibilities assigned by the chief judge, and shall serve at the pleasure of the chief judge; and

**WHEREAS**, the administrative judges and associate administrative judges assist the chief judge with the managerial, administrative and liaison duties of the chief judge with respect to the judges in the Circuit and court personnel. Administrative judges and associate administrative judges also assist with recommendations regarding assignments and reassignment of cases as necessary; assist with coverage of divisions as needed; scheduling hearing officers, magistrates, etc., as contracted with the Court; implement procedures as envisioned in administrative orders for the orderly handling of misdemeanors, traffic, felonies, non-criminal citation, juvenile matters, family law matters; civil matters and any other tasks as assigned by the chief judge to ensure the efficient operation of the Court;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Frederick J. Lauten, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.215, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration, order the following appointments of administrative judges and any associate

administrative judges in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and County Courts, **effective January 1, 2018**, as stated herein, and shall continue until further order of this Court unless otherwise provided herein and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent:

**General Circuit Civil Division**

(Orange County – includes Business Court, Probate, Mental Health, Trusts, Guardianship, and Jimmy Ryce cases)

The Honorable Julie H. O’Kane  
as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Renee A. Roche  
as Associate Administrative Judge

**Circuit Family Court Division**

(Orange County)

The Honorable Patricia A. Doherty  
as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Judge Alice L. Blackwell  
as Associate Administrative Judge

**Unified Problem Solving Court Division**

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Reginald K. Whitehead

**Circuit Criminal Justice Division**

(Orange County)

The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon  
as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Leticia Marques  
as Associate Administrative Judge

**Circuit Juvenile Division**

(Orange County)

The Honorable Daniel P. Dawson  
as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Sally D.M. Kest  
as Associate Administrative Judge

**Circuit Appellate Divisions**

(Orange & Osceola Counties)

The Honorable Donald A. Myers, Jr.

**County Court, Orange County**

The Honorable Nancy L. Clark as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Wayne J. Shoemaker as Associate Administrative Judge

**Circuit & County Courts, Osceola County**

The Honorable Jon B. Morgan as Administrative Judge and  
The Honorable Patricia L. Strowbridge as Associate Administrative Judge of Circuit & County Courts  
The Honorable Hal C. Epperson, Jr. as Associate Administrative Judge of County Court

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Frederick J. Lauten  
Chief Judge

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