

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER H-2017-2

IN RE: CASE ASSIGNMENT OF THE MORRIS LAW GROUP, P.A.

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the undersigned Administrative Judge regarding the reassignment request of cases involving cases assigned to the Honorable KRISTIE M. RUPPE, wherein the Morris Law Group, P.A. is an attorney of record and/or a named party. It has been brought to the attention of the undersigned that there may be an actual or perceived conflict of interest in the assignment of the above-referenced cases and in order to maintain judicial integrity, a recusal/reassignment of any case where the above-named law firm is the attorney of record is appropriate.

Therefore it is

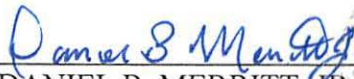
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Honorable KRISTIE M. RUPPE, County Judge, is hereby recused from presiding in any case which may be assigned to her wherein the Morris Law Group, P.A., and/or Robert Morris and/or Kristie M. Ruppe appears as counsel of record and/or is a named party at the time of filing.
2. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to reassign such cases to the docket of the Honorable Kurt E. Hitzemann, County Court Judge.
3. Thereafter, the Clerk of the Court shall reassign a similar case type from the docket of the Honorable Kurt E. Hitzemann who is receiving the reassigned case to the docket of the Honorable Kristie M. Ruppe, in an equal assignment.
4. In any case wherein the Morris Law Group, P.A. makes an appearance subsequent to the initial filings in a case assigned to the Honorable Kristie M. Ruppe, then, and in that event, the Morris Law Group, P.A. shall file a Notice of Appearance and Request for Judicial Reassignment in accordance with this Administrative Order. A copy of said request shall be furnished to the Clerk of Court, the counsel/parties of record, the Office of the Administrative Judge and the Office of the General Counsel.
5. The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect until further ordered by the undersigned.

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6. The remainder of Administrative Order Establishing Case Load Assignment for the Calendar Year 2017 (H-2016-47-A) shall remain unchanged.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County, this 6th day of January, 2017.



DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
Administrative Judge
Hernando County

