

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER L-2017-31-A**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF CIRCUIT COURT ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018**

This cause having come to the attention of the court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Lake County, and the court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and the court being otherwise duly advised, it is ORDERED:

1. Cases shall be randomly distributed as follows:

<b>Judge Briggs</b>	1/4 criminal cases, including "Jimmy Ryce" cases 1/4 civil non-jury, excluding domestic relations cases
<b>Judge Semento</b>	1/4 criminal cases, including "Jimmy Ryce" cases 1/4 civil non-jury, excluding domestic relations cases Oversight on all child support cases heard by the Child Support Hearing Officer
<b>Judge Hill</b>	1/4 criminal cases, including "Jimmy Ryce" cases 1/4 civil non-jury, excluding domestic relations cases
<b>Judge Nacke</b>	1/4 criminal cases, including "Jimmy Ryce" cases 1/4 civil non-jury, excluding domestic relations cases
<b>Judge Takac</b>	All dependency All juvenile delinquency, CINS/FINS & truancy intervention All domestic violence injunctions All guardianships Shelter hearings except as provided below All mental health cases including those cases filed under Chapter 393 (Developmental Disabilities) and oversight of Chapter 394 Baker Act Proceedings assigned and/or referred to the General Magistrate.
<b>Judge Singeltary</b>	1/3 civil jury cases, including eminent domain 1/3 family cases, including non-Title IV D cases and disputed paternity cases 1/3 probate cases

**Judge Metz**                    1/3 civil jury cases, including eminent domain  
1/3 family cases, including non-Title IV D cases  
and disputed paternity cases  
1/3 probate cases

**Judge Davis**                    1/3 civil jury cases, including eminent domain  
1/3 family cases, including non-Title IV D cases  
and disputed paternity cases  
1/3 probate cases

Oversight on all child support cases heard by the child support hearing officer shall rotate annually among the four criminal judges.

Cases filed in accordance with §945.43 (prisoner mental health) hearings shall be scheduled every Friday at 8:45 A.M. The outgoing duty judge will preside over these hearings. Should hearings fall on a holiday, they will instead be scheduled for the first preceding workday.

Until further notice, circuit court mortgage foreclosures shall be randomly distributed equally among the following circuit judges:

Judge Don F. Briggs  
Judge Mark J. Hill  
Judge Heidi Davis  
Judge Larry Metz  
Judge Mark A. Nacke  
Judge Lawrence Semento  
Judge G. Richard Singeltary

Circuit and county judges will continue to be responsible for shelter hearings on weekends and holidays during their duty weeks.

**General Magistrate:**        Duties are assigned per separate administrative orders  
(AO# L2004-46-A and/or A2005-11-C)

**Child Support Hearing Officer:** Duties are assigned per separate administrative orders  
(AO# A-2013-37-C and/or A2005-11-C)

**The following county court assignments shall remain in place beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:**

**Judge Neal**

Child support not disposed by child support hearing officer.


2. Felony arraignments shall be scheduled Monday of each week at 8:30 A.M. Each judge shall schedule felony sentencings for his docket on the same Monday as his arraignment day. In the event Monday is a holiday, arraignment and sentencing shall be scheduled on the following work day. Each judge handling criminal shall make all possible efforts to schedule his primary criminal trial week on the Monday following his sentencing day so as to avoid conflicts.

3. In an effort to reduce juror costs, all jury selection shall occur on the first day of the work week unless circumstances beyond a judge's control require selection on a different day.

4. Capital cases shall be rotated to the four judges assigned criminal dockets and eminent domain cases shall be rotated to the three judges assigned civil dockets. Judges who currently have post-conviction capital cases shall retain them.

5. These assignments shall become effective on July 1, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 7  
day of May, 2018.

  
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LAWRENCE J. SEMENTO  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
LAKE COUNTY