

IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER M - 2018-63

ORDER OF MARION COUNTY COURT ASSIGNMENTS

This matter having come to the attention of the undersigned upon review of the performance of the Marion County Court following the entry of Administrative Order M-2018-37 on July 19, 2018, which review included all of the 4 Marion County Court Judges and representatives of many of the stakeholders in the Marion County Court criminal justice system and being a matter which affects the efficient administration of justice within Marion County and the undersigned having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice and being duly advised in the premises, it is **HEREBY ORDERED**:

1. Judges McCune, Ritterhoff Williams and Thompson will be responsible for handling all regular (non-holiday) weekday 1st Appearance and Arraignment proceedings on the following rotation basis during each 3 week period starting on January 7, 2019:

Week 1	Judge McCune;
Week 2	Judge Ritterhoff Williams; and
Week 3	Judge Thompson.

The Clerk is to generally assign and distribute criminal cases - including all "MM" and "CT" cases and all criminal "MO" and "CO" cases - to the Judge responsible for the particular week and/or proceeding when the case first comes before the Court unless any of the established and current case assignment practices apply including assigning multiple cases involving a single defendant to the Judge regularly assigned the case with the lowest case number and assigning Violation of Probation cases to the Judge who originally sentenced the defendant provided that Judge is currently handling criminal cases pursuant to this Order.

The Clerk is to assign all violation of probation cases to the Judge who initially imposed the probationary sentence except that Judge McCune shall be assigned any such case in which Judge Landt imposed the original probationary sentence.

The Clerk is to assign all cases coming before the Court on a Failure to Appear Bench Warrant to the Judge who initially imposed the warrant except that Judge Ritterhoff Williams shall be assigned any such case in which Judge Landt signed the warrant.

The Clerk is to assign to Judge Thompson all closed cases formerly assigned to Judge Landt for which some correspondence, motion or other matter is filed prompting the Clerk to have to re-open the case.

2. The Clerk shall assign and distribute to Judge Landt all newly filed County Court civil cases except as specifically described in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

3. The Clerk shall randomly assign and distribute all newly filed "SC" eviction cases as follows:

Judge McCune 1/4 of all "SC" eviction cases;

Judge Ritterhoff Williams 1/4 of all "SC" eviction cases; and

Judge Landt 1/2 of all "SC" eviction cases.

4. The 4 County Judges will be responsible for handling all infraction cases - the "TR" and "IN" cases - each month on the following basis during each 4 month period with the Clerk to generally assign and distribute infraction cases to the Judge responsible for the particular month when the case is first scheduled to come before the Court with the rotational assignments as follow:

Month 1 Judge McCune;

Month 2 Judge Ritterhoff Williams;

Month 3 Judge Landt; and

Month 4 Judge Thompson.

5. Judge Landt will be responsible for all Small Claims pretrial proceedings.

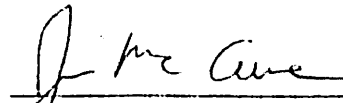
6. Judge Ritterhoff-Williams will continue to be the presiding judge of the Marion County DUI Court.

7. Judge Thompson will continue to be the presiding judge of the Marion County Mental Health Court and the Marion County Misdemeanor Drug Court.

8. Judge McCune will continue to be the presiding judge of the Marion County Veterans Treatment Court.

9. This Order shall become effective January 1, 2019, and supercede Administrative Order M-2018-37.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 26th day of October, 2018.



R. James McCune, Jr.

Administrative Judge of the Marion County Court