

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2018-44**

**In Re: MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGES  
JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2019**

**THIS CAUSE** having come to the attention of the Court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Marion County, Florida, and the Court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is therefore **ORDERED**:

1. **Effective January 1, 2019**, cases shall be randomly distributed in the Circuit Courts of Marion County as follows:

**Judge Jennifer Bass:**

- 1/3 of Domestic Relations cases, including adoption and TPR cases filed under Ch. 63. on or after 7/1/2016 (Designation FC);
- Domestic and Dating Violence DR assigned to FC (including 1/3 Repeat, Stalking, Sexual Violence cases and After-hours injunctions);
- 1/3 Child Support Enforcement cases (Designation HC);
- 1/4 pre-2017 foreclosure cases (Designations P and T).

**Judge Ann Melinda Craggs:**

- 1/3 of Domestic Relations cases, including adoption and TPR cases filed under Ch. 63. on or after 7/1/2016 (Designation FJ);
  - Adoption and TPR cases filed under Ch. 63 prior to 7/1/2016;
  - Domestic and Dating Violence DR cases assigned to FJ (including 1/3 Repeat, Stalking, Sexual Violence cases and After-hours injunctions);
  - 1/3 Child Support Enforcement cases (Designation HJ);
  - 1/4 pre-2017 foreclosure cases (Designations M and S);
- Administrative Judge Family Law, Fifth Circuit.**

**Judge Lisa D. Herndon:**

- 1/2 Civil (Designation B), and previous civil cases with designations of C and K;
- 1/2 Forfeitures;
- 1/2 Bond Validations and Assessment Liens;
- 1/2 Eminent Domain;
- 1/2 mortgage foreclosure cases filed after 12/31/2016.

**Judge Robert W. Hodges:**

- 1/3 of Domestic Relations cases, including adoption and TPR cases filed under Ch. 63. on or after 7/1/2016 (Designation FG);
- Domestic and Dating Violence DR cases assigned to FG (including 1/3 Repeat, Stalking, Sexual Violence cases and After-hours injunctions);
- 1/3 Child Support Enforcement cases (Designation HG);
- 1/4 pre-2017 foreclosure cases (Designations Q and R);
- Fifth Circuit Appellate Panel.

**Judge Willard Pope:**

- 1/3 Felony (Designation X);
- 1/3 Jimmy Ryce cases;
- Excess fee motions in criminal cases in Marion/Lake Counties

**Judge S. Sue Robbins:**

- All Probate;
  - All Guardianship;
  - Baker Act and Marchman Act cases.
  - Hearings on Baker Acts and motions to involuntarily administer medication to DOC inmates;
- Chief Judge, Fifth Circuit.**

**Judge Steven G. Rogers:**

- 1/3 Felony (Designation Y);
- 1/3 Jimmy Ryce cases;
- Felony Drug Court

**Judge Gary Sanders:**

- Juvenile Dependency;
- Dependency/Delinquency Crossover, Domestic Violence, and Domestic Relations cases (Designation FK);
- Administrative Child Support Enforcement cases (Designation HK);
- Shelter Hearings;
- TPR cases filed under Chapter 39 of Florida Statutes, and adoption cases following Chapter 39 TPRs.
- Juvenile Delinquency;
- Juvenile Detention hearings;
- Juvenile Drug Court;
- CINS/FINS.

**Judge Edward L. Scott:**

- 1/2 Civil (Designation G) and previous civil cases with designations of A, D and E;
- 1/2 Forfeitures;
- 1/2 Bond Validations and Assessment Liens;
- 1/2 Eminent Domain;
- 1/2 mortgage foreclosure cases filed after 12/31/2016.

**Judge Anthony M. Tatti:**

- 1/3 Felony (Designation Z);
- 1/3 Jimmy Ryce Cases;
- Truancy Court.

**Administrative Judge, Marion County.**

**Judge TBA:**

- All Felony VOP cases not associated with a new substantive case
- All non-capital felony postconviction motions;
- 1/4 pre-2017 mortgage foreclosure cases (Designation N).  
[Sumter County assignment]

**Hearing Officer:**

- Department of Revenue Child Support cases and other duties as assigned.

**General Magistrates:**

- Hearings as designated by Administrative Order;
- Domestic Relations and other duties as assigned.

2. **CIVIL DESIGNATIONS** are as follows:

**B, and C and K - Judge Lisa D. Herndon**  
**G, and A, D and E - Judge Edward L. Scott**

3. **FELONY DESIGNATIONS** are as follows:

**X - Judge Willard Pope**  
**Y - Judge Steven G. Rogers**  
**Z - Judge Anthony M. Tatti**

4. **DOMESTIC RELATIONS DESIGNATIONS** are as follows:

**FC - Judge Jennifer Bass**  
**FG - Judge Robert W. Hodges**  
**FJ - Judge Ann Melinda Craggs**  
**FK - Judge Gary Sanders**

5. In the absence of the judge assigned to shelter and detention hearings and the judge who is providing coverage for the assigned judge, the judge who is assigned to handle weekend and after-hours matters will hear the shelter and/or detention hearings as required to comply with time restraints. In addition, all Marion County Circuit Judges will assist with shelter and detention hearings when necessary.

6. In any Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence cases where the parties have a pending domestic relations cases, such domestic/repeat violence case shall be assigned to the judge handling the domestic relations case. In any newly filed domestic relations cases where a Petition for Injunction for Protection has previously been filed, the domestic relations case shall be assigned to whichever judge handled the injunction.

7. Petitions for injunctions pursuant to Administrative Order M-2017-13 and other after-hours requests which require judicial action on weekends, holidays and between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. on weekdays will be reviewed by all judges sitting in Marion County (Circuit Judges and County Judges) on a rotating basis. Such rotation shall be listed in the weekend and holiday duty assignments as set forth by a separate administrative order. In each case where a County Judge has such an assignment, said judge is hereby appointed as an acting Circuit Judge for the duration of such assignment. Likewise, a Circuit Judge is hereby appointed as an acting County Judge in any instance where County Court jurisdiction is required during such assignment.

8. Prior to noon on each Friday, the judge assigned to handle First Appearances, Shelter Hearings, and Detention Hearings that weekend will be delivered the duty judge telephone and briefcase which he/she will retain until the next Friday at noon, at which time the duty judge telephone and briefcase will be delivered to the next assigned judge. When a holiday falls on a Friday, the duty will switch at noon and the holiday will be split between the two judges on that day. It will be the responsibility of the morning duty judge to handle all First Appearances, Shelter Hearings, and Detention Hearings. Each judge so assigned (the "Duty Judge") will be responsible for ensuring that a judge is available during usual courthouse business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday), except lunch hour, to help to review petitions for injunctions and other matters which require immediate attention. The hearing dates and times required on petitions for injunctions that are filed after hours, on weekends, and on holidays will be provided by the Domestic Relations judges on a rotating basis.

9. The assignment for service as judge for juror qualification for 2019 is addressed in a separate administrative order.

10. Each judge of the felony divisions will be responsible to attend to any grand jury matters during a four-month period which will be rotated as follows:

**Judge Rogers** - Period 1 (January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019).

**Judge Tatti** - Period 2 (May 1, 2019 through August 30, 2019).

**Judge Pope** - Period 3 (September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019).

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 1 day of August, 2018.

  
ANTHONY M. TATTI  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
MARION COUNTY