

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER: A-2020-34 -A

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING CIRCUIT JUDGE TO PRESIDE OVER
EXCESS FEE MOTIONS AND RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2019-16**
(amended only to properly name Anthony M. Tatti as currently hearing excess fees motions)

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted several statutory changes effecting the Justice Administrative Commission and court appointed conflict registries and applications; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute, section 27.5304(12)2(b) grants the Chief Judge of every Circuit the authority to appoint no more than two (2) designees to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine motions to exceed the fee limit established by section 27.5304 (12) (a), et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the geographical location and number of relevant case files supports a single designee to preside and determine the above reference motions for Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties (hereinafter "the Tri-County"); and

WHEREAS, the geographical location and number of relevant case files supports a single designee to preside and determine the above reference motions for Lake and Marion Counties; and in consideration thereof, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: that:

CITRUS, HERNANDO AND SUMTER COUNTIES:

1. The Honorable William H. Hallman, III, Circuit Judge in Sumter County, is currently appointed and shall continue to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine all motions to exceed the fee limit filed pursuant to Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes for cases pending in the Tri-County.
2. Effective July 1, 2021, the duty, responsibilities and provisions of this Order shall transfer to Hernando County and more specifically, the Administrative Judge of Hernando County, or their designee, is hereby appointed to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine all motions to exceed the fee limit filed pursuant to Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes for cases pending in the Tri-County.
3. Effective July, 1, 2022 the duty, responsibilities and provisions of this Order shall transfer to Citrus County and more specifically, the Administrative Judge of Citrus County, or their designee, is hereby appointed to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine all motions to exceed the fee limit filed pursuant to Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes for cases pending in the Tri-County.
4. Thereafter, the duties defined herein as they relate to the Tri-County shall rotate to the administrative judge or his or her designee each July 1st as follows:

Sumter	Hernando	Citrus
2020	2021	2022
2023	2024	2025
2026	2027	2028
2029	2030	

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4. In accordance with section 27.5304(12)(a) any attorney filing aid motion in any case in which they are appointed in the tri-county must send a courtesy copy to the Office of the Undersigned, as Chief Judge, and the office of the current appointed Judge for scheduling and disposition.

LAKE AND MARION COUNTIES:

5. The Honorable Anthony M Tatti, Circuit Judge in Marion County, is currently appointed and shall continue to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine all motions to exceed the fee limit filed pursuant to Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes for cases pending in Lake and Marion Counties.

6. Effective July 1, 2021, the duty, responsibilities and provisions of this Order shall transfer to Lake County and more specifically, the Administrative Judge of Lake County, or their designee, is hereby appointed to preside over evidentiary hearings and determine all motions to exceed the fee limit filed pursuant to Section 27. 5304, Florida Statutes for cases pending in Lake and Marion Counties.

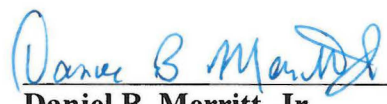
7. Thereafter, the duties defined herein as they relate Lake and Marion Counties shall rotate to the administrative judge or his or her designee each July 1st as follows as follows:

Marion	Lake
2020	2021
2022	2023
2024	2025
2026	2027
2028	2029
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8. In accordance with Section 27.5304(12)(a) any attorney filing said motion in any case in which they are appointed in Lake and Marion Counties must send a courtesy copy to the Office of the Undersigned, as Chief Judge, and the office of the current appointed Judge for scheduling and disposition.

9. This Administrative Order rescinds the following Administrative Orders: A-2020-16

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida on this 5th day of August, 2020.


Daniel B. Merritt, Jr
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit