

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2020-57

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING JUROR UTILIZATION IN THE CIRCUIT AND  
COUNTY COURTS OF MARION COUNTY FOR 2021

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, an administrative order has generally been entered on an annual basis to ensure that juror utilization in Marion County is efficiently managed by a jury pool system, and in consideration of and pursuant to Sections 40.23 and 40.231, Florida Statutes, it is therefore

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. Effective January 1, 2021, all jurors reporting for duty in Marion County shall be pooled and subsequently randomly selected and directed to the various courtrooms for jury selection. Capital cases (cases in which a death sentence may be imposed) shall be included for the purpose of adding to the venire. Any judge presiding in a capital case shall notify the Chief Deputy Clerk or his/her designee of the scheduled date of the trial of the case. Said notification shall be made at least three months prior to the date of the trial.
2. All jury selections shall take place on Monday or the following Tuesday if a Monday falls on a holiday.

3. The Chief Deputy Clerk or his/her designee shall confer with the Administrative Judge as necessary and shall approve and cause to be summoned a enough prospective jurors to be examined.
4. The judge designated below for each respective month shall be responsible for juror qualification and the consideration of requests to be excused from jury duty during that month.
5. The assignment for service as judge for juror qualification for the year 2021 shall be as follows:

January	-	The Honorable Gary Sanders
February	-	The Honorable Jennifer Bass
March	-	The Honorable Lisa Herndon
April	-	The Honorable James McCune
May	-	The Honorable Sarah Ritterhoff Williams
June	-	The Honorable Steven G. Rogers
July	-	The Honorable Thomas P. Thompson, III
August	-	The Honorable Anthony M. Tatti
September	-	The Honorable Robert W. Hodges
October	-	The Honorable Edward L. Scott
November	-	The Honorable Ann Melinda Craggs
December	-	The Honorable Robert E. Landt

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 18 day of December 2020.



Edward L. Scott  
Administrative Judge for Marion County