

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2021-28-A

**RE: ASSIGNING A SENIOR JUDGE TO THE CIVIL BACKLOG
DOCKET IN HERNANDO COUNTY
(amended as to attached and incorporated case list only)**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and the emergency measures concomitant therewith has resulted in a backlog in pending civil actions; and;

WHEREAS, it being necessary for the efficient administration of justice to address the civil backlog, a docket hereby designated as the local "Civil Backlog Docket" is needed; and

WHEREAS, the use of senior judges to preside over backlog dockets has been proven an effective and efficient use of judicial resources; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Sr., has been assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida to serve as a Senior Judge on a statewide basis;

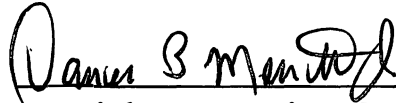
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Honorable Daniel Merritt, Sr. is hereby assigned to preside in Hernando County over the Civil Backlog Docket.
2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein is a list of cases to be transferred by the Hernando County Clerk of Court unto said Civil Backlog Docket and assigned to Judge Merritt, Sr.

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3. Each case listed in the attached is hereby transferred unto the Civil Backlog Docket and assigned to the Honorable Daniel Merritt, Sr.

DONE AND ORDERED in Brooksville, Florida this 12th day of August 2021.

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Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge

LIST OF CASES: HERNANDO COUNTY BACKLOG DOCKET

2016 CA 0676	2019 CA 0845
2016 CA 1123	2019 CA 0914
2017 CA 0176	2019 CA 1096
2017 CA 0955	2019 CA 1162
2018 CA 0986	2019 CA 1177
2018 CA 1460	2019 CA 1203
2019 CA 0002	2019 CA 1222
2019 CA 0026	2019 CA 1241
2019 CA 0150	2019 CA 1291
2019 CA 0168	2019 CA 1308
2019 CA 0248	2019 CA 1346
2019 CA 0257	2019 CA 1390
2019 CA 0344	2019 CA 1411
2019 CA 0477	2019 CA 1422
2019 CA 0544	
2019 CA 0576	
2019 CA 0583	
2019 CA 0589	
2019 CA 0636	
2019 CA 0643	
2019 CA 0650	
2019 CA 0704	
2019 CA 0792	
2019 CA 0810	
2019 CA 0836	