

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2021-48

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING TEMPORARY USE OF
JUDICIAL RESOURCES FOR MARION COUNTY**

WHEREAS the Chief Judge, and other judge(s) that he may designate, is responsible for the administration of the courts within the Fifth Judicial Circuit, as provided in Rules 2.215(a), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned, the Honorable Robert W. Hodges, has been designated Administrative Judge for Marion County, pursuant to Rule 2.215 (b)(5), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the functioning of the delinquency and dependency docket in Marion County is essential to the efficient administration of justice

WHEREAS, the retirement of the Honorable S. Sue Robbins from the delinquency and dependency docket of Marion County has necessitated the use of judicial resources from outside Marion County; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) of the Florida Rules General Practice and Judicial Administration, authorizes a chief judge to assign any judge to temporary service for which the judge is qualified in any court in the same circuit; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Stacy Youmans, Circuit Judge; the Honorable Mary P. Hatcher, Circuit Judge; and the Honorable Ann Melinda Craggs, Circuit Judge, are deemed qualified to hear any delinquency and dependency matters, and have consented to their temporary assignment; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Hale R. Stancil, Senior Judge, having been given authority by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida to serve as Senior Judge on a statewide basis, being qualified to hear delinquency and dependency matters, being assigned by the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and having consented to temporary assignment; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and appropriate for the prompt, effective, and efficient administration of justice within the courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and in order to maintain judicial integrity, and with the advice and consent of the Chief Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit;

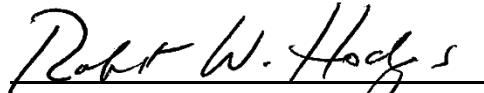
IT IS THEREFORE

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Honorable Stacy Youmans, Circuit Judge, will hear all delinquency and dependency matters in and for Marion County each Monday.
2. The Honorable Hale R. Stancil, Senior Judge, will hear all delinquency and dependency matters in and for Marion County each Tuesday, as needed.
3. The Honorable Mary P. Hatcher, Circuit Judge, will hear all delinquency and dependency matters in and for Marion County each Wednesday, Thursday, and alternating Fridays.
4. The Honorable Ann Melinda Craggs, Circuit Judge, will hear all delinquency and dependency matters in and for Marion County each Friday not presided over by the Honorable Mary P. Hatcher.
5. This order shall take effect to include Monday, November 1, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect each day thereafter until further order of the undersigned.
6. Nothing in this order shall be deemed a prohibition of ad hoc agreements between the herein named judges to the extent

that all scheduled matters on the delinquency and dependency matters are timely heard.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 25th day of October 2021.

Handwritten signature of Robert W. Hodges in cursive script.

The Honorable Robert W. Hodges
Marion County Administrative Judge