

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER L-2022-34**

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR JUDGES TO TEMPORARY DUTY  
IN LAKE COUNTY**

**AND**

**RESCINDING, SUPERSEDING, AND REPLACING L-2022-16**

**WHEREAS**, Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, charges the chief judge with the authority to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts over which he or she is chief judge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 2.215(5) of the Florida Rules of General Practice & Judicial Administration permits the Chief Judge to designate a judge in any court or court division as an Administrative Judge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, the Honorable James R. Baxley, has been designated by the Chief Judge as Administrative Judge for Lake County, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(5), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the use of senior judges has been proven an effective and efficient use of judicial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Don F. Briggs, the Honorable David B. Eddy, the Honorable Sandy Karlan, the Honorable Frances S. King, and the Honorable Lawrence J. Semento have been assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida to serve as a Senior Judge on a statewide basis, and said senior judges having consented to temporary assignment as contemplated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and appropriate for the prompt, effective, and efficient administration of justice within the Circuit and County Courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; with the advice and consent of the Chief Judge, and to eliminate the need for individualized orders, to avoid undue confusion and uncertainty for the public, litigants and other involved in the court system, this Administrative Order assigns specific senior judges to hear conduct and determine matters of circuit and county court jurisdiction which are presented to them in Lake County Florida as the need may arise;

It is **THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows:

1. The following Senior Judges are hereby assigned and designated to-wit:

THE HONORABLE DON F. BRIGGS  
THE HONORABLE DAVID B. EDDY  
THE HONORABLE SANDY KARLAN  
THE HONORABLE FRANCES S. KING  
THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE J. SEMENTO

are to proceed to the Circuit and County Courts of Lake County and thereupon, on the **1<sup>ST</sup> day of July 2022 and thereafter through the 31<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022**, hear, conduct, try, and determine the cause, or causes, which shall from time to time may be presented to one or another of them as temporary Judges of the said Courts, and

thereafter dispose of any matters considered by them respectively.

2. The instant order hereby rescinds, supersedes, and replaces Administrative Order L-2022-16.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers in Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' or 'B' shape, positioned above a horizontal line.

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**JAMES R. BAXLEY  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE,  
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**