

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2022-28**

**IN RE: REASSIGNMENT OF ANY CASE WHEREIN  
LEE FAIRCHILD, ESQUIRE IS ASSIGNED  
TO JUDGE LORI COTTON**

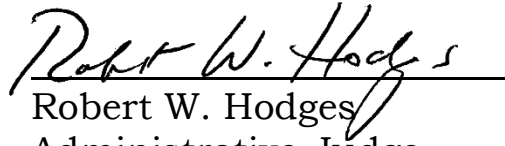
**THIS CAUSE**, came on to be heard before the Undersigned regarding the reassignment of cases assigned to the Honorable Lori Cotton wherein LEE FAIRCHILD, ESQUIRE, is an attorney of record. In order to maintain judicial integrity, a recusal reassignment of any case where the above-named person is of record is appropriate.

**IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. The request for reassignment came to be heard at the request of Lee Fairchild, Esquire, because of her close relationship to the campaign of a judicial candidate other than Judge Cotton.
2. With her approval and consent, the Honorable Lori Cotton, County Judge, is hereby recused from presiding in any case which may be assigned to her where Lee Fairchild, Esquire is an attorney of record.
3. The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to reassign such cases at random.
4. Thereafter, the Clerk of Court shall reassign a similar case type from the docket of the Judge who is receiving the reassigned case to the docket of Judge Cotton, in an equal assignment.

5. This order shall take effect immediately, and remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2022, or further order of the Undersigned, whichever may come first.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 1st of June 2022.

  
Robert W. Hodges  
Administrative Judge  
Marion County