

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2023-16

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

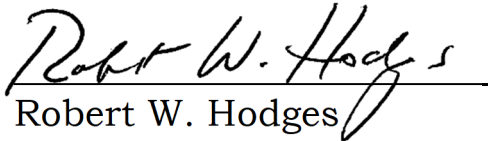
THIS CAUSE, came on to be heard before the Undersigned regarding the reassignment of cases assigned to the Honorable Lori Cotton wherein JAMES TARQUIN, ESQUIRE is an attorney of record. In order to maintain judicial integrity, a recusal reassignment of any case where the above-named person is of record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

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

1. The request for reassignment came to be heard at the request of James Tarquin, Esquire because of his close relationship to the campaign of a judicial candidate other than Judge Cotton.
2. The Honorable Lori Cotton, County Judge, is hereby recused from presiding in any case which may be assigned to her where James Tarquin, 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 further order of the Marion County Administrative Judge.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 16th day of June 2023.


Robert W. Hodges
Administrative Judge
Marion County