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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER L-2025-38**

## IN RE: ANY CASE ASSIGNED TO THE HONORABLE CHAD J. MONTY WHEREIN THE LAW FIRM OF BOWEN SCHROTH, P.A. IS AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD AND/OR A NAMED PARTY

THIS CAUSE, came on to be heard before the undersigned Administrative Judge, *sua sponte*, regarding the reassignment of any and all cases assigned to the Honorable Chad J. Monty, Lake County Judge, wherein counsel for any party is the law firm BOWEN SCHROTH, P.A. a/k/a Bowen Schroth; Bowen Law; and Bowen & Schroth, P.A.

It has been brought to the attention of the undersigned that there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest in the assignment of the cases referenced immediately above. In order to maintain judicial integrity, recusal of, and reassignment from, the Honorable Chad J. Monty is appropriate in any case wherein BOWEN SCHROTH, P.A. is counsel of record or party to suit.

## It is THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. With his approval and consent, the Honorable Chad J. Monty, Lake County Judge, is hereby recused from presiding in any case which may be assigned to him where any named party in any action is represented by the law firm BOWEN SCHROTH, P.A. Likewise, any case in which BOWEN SCHROTH, P.A. is a named party.

- 2. The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to reassign such cases at random to any other Lake County Judge.
- 3. The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect until further ordered by the undersigned.

**DONE AND ORDRED** in Chambers in Tavares, Lake County, Florida, on this day of August 2025.

James R. Baxley Administrative Judge Lake County