

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2017-25-A

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR FAMILY LAW COURTS AND
DIVISIONS OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

(amended to name Hon. Thomas R. Eineman)

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has provided leadership in the state courts in holding family law issues to be worthy of clearly defined local programs and goals; and

WHEREAS, the judiciary of the Fifth Judicial Circuit wish to provide such clearly defined goals and to pursue family court programs that will best serve the citizens of our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that leadership be designated at the trial court level to provide for the coordinated guidance and direction of the court within the several counties of this circuit; and

WHEREAS, the **Honorable Thomas R. Eineman,** Circuit Judge, has demonstrated his leadership skills and his resolve in providing family court related services to the citizens of our circuit; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215(b)(5) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration provides authority to the Chief Judge to assign

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administrative judges and designate powers and duties of such judges. It is therefore

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Honorable Thomas R. Eineman, Circuit Judge, is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge of the Family Law Courts and Divisions of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

2. As Administrative Judge of the Family Law Courts and Divisions of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, he shall have the authority to:

a. Request or appoint committees of judges and/or other court officials or staff to carry out the work and goals of the court; and

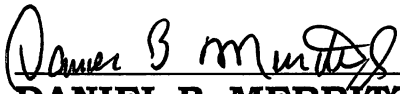
b. Pursue state and/or local funding of family court related programs when and as allowed by law, and to set policy regarding family law related issues for the Circuit;

c. Enter appropriate administrative orders, after consultation with the Chief Judge, regarding family law and related issues and to insure compliance with all applicable court rules and Supreme Court policies; and

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- d. Recommend local rules regarding family law issues.
 - e. Complete reports concerning family law issues in the Circuit to the OSCA and other agencies when needed.
3. This Order shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the undersigned.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 4th day of November 2025.


DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE