

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. L-2025-61

ORDER OF COUNTY COURT ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2026

This cause having come to the attention of the court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Lake County, and the court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and the court being otherwise duly advised, it is ORDERED:

1. Cases shall be randomly distributed as follows:

Judge Curington 1/4 Criminal First Appearances
1/2 Criminal Matters

Judge Jones 1/4 Criminal First Appearances
1/2 Criminal Matters

Judge Pepperman 1/4 Criminal First Appearances
All County Civil
All Municipal and County Ordinances
All Non-Criminal Infractions


Judge Monty 1/4 Criminal First Appearances
All Small Claims Matters
All Civil Traffic Hearings

The above assignments shall be effective January 1, 2026

2. In an effort to reduce juror costs, all jury selection shall occur on the first day of the work week unless circumstances beyond a judge's control require selection on a different day.

***Child Support not disposed of by hearing officer is rotated between the county judges and is noted in the Circuit Assignments order.**

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 8th
day of Dec. 2025.



JAMES BAXLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
LAKE COUNTY