

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2026-12

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING SPEEDY TRIAL

AND

**SUPERSEDING, AND VACATING
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-1990-39**

WHEREAS, Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge, in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases, often require expedited hearings. Pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.191 and Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.090 the setting of hearings for such matters is the responsibility of the Court; and,

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently administer justice, avoid delays in the scheduling of Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge, and to ensure uniformity throughout the Circuit, after consultation with the Clerks of Court, the need for an order outlining the responsibilities and procedure is needed; and,

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, Section 43.26, Florida Statutes, 2.215 Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, charges the Chief Judge with the authority to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts over which he or she is chief judge;

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It is therefore;


ORDERED as follows:

1. All Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge based on speedy trial in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases shall be filed separately by the proponent of the demand, notice, or motion, and titled in accordance with Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.191 and Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.090 and properly served on the prosecuting authority.
2. The proponent filing Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge, are to immediately provide the judge to whom the case is assigned a copy of said filing, by hand delivery or email.
3. The Clerk of the Court shall provide to the judicial officer to whom a case is assigned, by hand delivery or electronic means, copies of Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge upon receipt.
4. If the presiding judicial officer is not available, the Clerk of the Court shall provide to the duty judge assigned for that particular week, or if unavailable, in the time specified, the chief judge, by hand delivery or electronic means, copies of Demands for Speedy Trial, Notices of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time, and Motions for Discharge upon receipt.

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5. This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order A-1990-39.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 26th day of March 2026.


Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit