

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2021-15-G

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: UNIFORM APPOINTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES
(amended to name Charles L.W. Helm as Administrative Judge for Sumter County)**

WHEREAS the Florida Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(5) of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration permits the Chief Judge to designate a judge in any court or court division as an Administrative Judge; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and appropriate for efficient administration of the circuit court to appoint an Administrative Judge for each County within this Circuit;

It is **THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows:

1. **THE HONORABLE CAROL FALVEY** is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge for Citrus County. (*nunc pro tunc* July 1, 2021)
2. **THE HONORABLE DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.**, is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge for Hernando County, (*nunc pro tunc* January 8, 2013).
3. **THE HONORABLE JAMES R. BAXLEY** is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge for Lake County. (*nunc pro tunc* March 4, 2022).
4. **THE HONORABLE STEVEN G. ROGERS**, is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge for Marion County, (*nunc pro tunc* July 1, 2025).
5. **THE HONORABLE CHARLES L.W. HELM**, is hereby appointed as Administrative Judge for Sumter County, (effective April 28, 2026).

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this 28th day of April 2026.



DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT