

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: S-2025-58-A**

**AMENDED ORDER OF JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUMTER COUNTY  
CIRCUIT JUDGES, COUNTY JUDGES, GENERAL MAGISTRATE AND  
HEARING OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**THIS CAUSE** having come to the attention of the Court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Sumter County, and the Court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and the Court being advised, it is therefore

**ORDERED** as follows:

1. This Order shall be effective as follows:
  - a. As to the County Court, General Magistrate, and Hearing officer assignments (paragraphs IV, V, VI, and VII), Monday, June 1st, 2026;
  - b. As to the Circuit Court assignments (paragraphs I, II, and III), Monday, June 29, 2026.

2. Assignment of Judicial duties among the Judges and Judicial Officers of Sumter County shall be as follows:

I. The **Honorable Charles L. W. Helm**, Administrative Judge and Circuit Judge of Sumter County, is hereby assigned the following cases:

- All Felony cases;
- Juvenile Delinquency;
- Jimmy Ryce Cases.

II. The **Honorable Erin Daly**, Circuit Judge of Sumter County, is hereby assigned the following cases:

- All Circuit Civil cases;
- Guardianship;
- Mental Health, including Risk Protection Orders;
- Drug Court.

III. The **Honorable Mary P. Hatcher**, Circuit Judge of Sumter County, is hereby assigned the following cases:

- All Domestic Relations;
- Juvenile Dependency;
- Unified Family Court;
- Probate.

IV. The **Honorable Paul L. Militello**, County Judge of Sumter County, is hereby assigned the following cases:

- County Criminal;
- Criminal Traffic;

V. The **Honorable Shelby Senn**, County Judge of Sumter County, is hereby assigned the following cases:

- County Civil;
- Small Claims;
- All Civil Traffic Infractions including those involving serious bodily injury or fatality;

- First Appearances.

VI. The **General Magistrate** assigned to Sumter County is hereby assigned to hear such matters including, but not limited to:

- Juvenile Dependency arraignments;
- Judicial reviews and permanency judicial reviews;
- Name changes;
- Adoptions;
- Dissolutions of marriage;
- Paternity and post dissolution/paternity proceedings;
- Simplified dissolutions of marriage filed Pro Se;
- Unified Family Court proceedings as assigned by Judge Hatcher.

VII. The **Child Support Hearing Officer** assigned to Sumter County is hereby assigned to hear such matters including, but not limited to:

- Department of Revenue Child Support cases and other duties as assigned.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, on this 14th day of May, 2026.



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**Hon. Charles L. W. Helm**  
Administrative Judge  
Sumter County