

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: H-2026-23

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES INVOLVING JEFFREY P. CARIO,
P.A. AS COUNSEL OF RECORD OR AS A PARTY**

THIS MATTER, came before the undersigned Administrative Judge, regarding the reassignment of all cases assigned to the Honorable Joel D. Fritton, Circuit Judge, in which any party is represented by Jeffrey P. Cario or any attorney associated with Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A., or in which Jeffrey P. Cario, or Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A. is a party.

Finding there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest in cases in which any party is represented by Jeffrey P. Cario or any attorney associated with Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A., or in which Jeffrey P. Cario, or Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A. is a party, and in order to maintain judicial integrity, recusal of, and reassignment from, the Honorable Joel D. Fritton is appropriate in any case wherein the above named persons or entities is counsel of record or a party.

It is therefore **ORDERED** as follows:

1. With his approval and consent, the Honorable Joel D. Fritton, Circuit Judge, is recused from presiding in any case currently assigned, or to be assigned to him in which any party is represented by Jeffrey P. Cario or any attorney associated with Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A., or in which Jeffrey P. Cario or Jeffrey P. Cario, P.A. is a party.
2. The Clerk of Court is directed to reassign the following cases to the Honorable Thomas R. Eineman, Circuit Judge:
 - a) Burnett v. Burnett, Case No.: 2024-DR-000335
 - b) Nocella v. Nocella, Case No.: 2025-DR-001311

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- c) Shuayb v. Shuayb, Case No.: 2025-DR-002115
 - d) Tschudy v. Tschudy, Case No.: 2026-DR-000781
 - e) Donis v. Donis, Case No.: 2025-DR-001780
 - f) Monaghan v. Monaghan, Case No.: 2026-DR-000288
 - g) Montsdeoca v. Wilson, Case No.: 2024-DR-001954
 - h) Philip v. Philip, Case No.: 2024-DR-000410
3. The Clerk of Court shall assign all subsequently filed cases described in Paragraph 1 to the Honorable Thomas R. Eineman, Circuit Judge.
4. For each case reassigned under Paragraphs 2 or 3, the Clerk of Court shall contemporaneously transfer from the docket of the Honorable Thomas R. Eineman, Circuit Judge, to the docket of the Honorable Joel D. Fritton, Circuit Judge, a similar case type, to maintain an equalized division of workload.
5. The provisions of this order shall remain in effect until further ordered by the Hernando County Administrative Judge.

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



Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.

Chief Judge

Hernando County, Florida