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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER L-2026-29-A

ORDER REGARDING JUROR UTILIZATION FOR 2027
IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS OF LAKE COUNTY
(Amended to add Judge Small)

Pursuant to Fla.Stat. §40.231, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. All jurors reporting for duty in Lake County shall be pooled and subsequently randomly selected and directed to a particular court for jury selection purposes. This shall not apply to capital cases for which there shall be a separate and individual venire and the judge presiding in such case shall have sole authority to examine, qualify, and excuse jurors.

2. At least three weeks prior to any scheduled trial date, the circuit and county court judges shall notify the jury clerk in writing of the number and type of all trials scheduled.

3. Upon receipt of notification of trial, the jury clerk shall cause to be summoned a sufficient number of jurors to be examined and serve thereon.

4. A circuit or county judge shall serve as "duty-judge" for each calendar month. The duty-judge shall be responsible for considering and approving requests for excusals from jury duty and for qualifying the jury pool at the beginning of each trial period.

5. The rotation order for service as duty-judge for the calendar year 2027 shall be as designated on the attached exhibit.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 9th day of Nov 2026.

JAMES BAXLEY
Administrative Judge

JURY QUALIFICATION ROTATION – 2027

JANUARY	SMALL
FEBRUARY	BAXLEY
MARCH	NIMETH
APRIL	PEPPERMAN
MAY	RADA
JUNE	MOSLEY
JULY	TAKAC
AUGUST	SINGELTARY
SEPTEMBER	BOYLSTON
OCTOBER	JONES
NOVEMBER	CURINGTON
DECEMBER	WELKE