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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: M-2026-30

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING JUROR UTILIZATION IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS OF MARION COUNTY FOR 2027

THIS CAUSE having come to the attention of the Court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Marion County, Florida, and the Court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises; and

WHEREAS, an administrative order has generally been entered on an annual basis to ensure that juror utilization in Marion County is efficiently managed by the jury pool system, and in consideration of and pursuant to sections 40.23 and 40.231, Florida Statutes, it is therefore ORDERED as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2027, all jurors reporting for duty in Marion County shall be pooled and subsequently randomly selected and directed to the various courtrooms for jury selection. Capital cases (cases in which a death sentence may be imposed) shall be included for the purpose of adding to the venire. Any judge presiding over a capital case, or any other case which may require a need for an increased number of jurors, shall notify the Jury Clerk or his/her designee of the scheduled date of the trial of the case. Said notification shall be made at least three months prior to the date of the trial.

2. All jury selections shall take place on Monday or the following Tuesday, if a Monday falls on a holiday.

3. The Jury Clerk or his/her designee shall confer with the Administrative Judge as necessary and shall approve and cause to be summoned enough prospective jurors to be examined.

4. The judge designated below for each respective month shall be responsible for juror qualification and the consideration of requests to be excused from jury duty during that month.

5. The assignment for service as judge for juror qualification for the year 2027 shall be as follows:

January	The Honorable Steven G. Rogers
February	The Honorable Lisa Herndon
March	The Honorable Lori Cotton
April	The Honorable Michael Adam Smith, Jr.
May	The Honorable Timothy McCourt
June	The Honorable Robert Landt
July	The Honorable Leanne Mackey-Barnes
August	The Honorable Barbara Kissner-Kwatkosky
September	The Honorable Peter M. Brigham
October	The Honorable Thomas P. Thompson, III
November	The Honorable Stacy Youmans
December	The Honorable Robert Hodges

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers, Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 6th day of November 2027.



STEVEN G. ROGERS
Administrative Judge
Marion County, Florida