

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

AMENDED1 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: S-2022-58-E

IN RE:

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS
EFFECTIVE May 1, 2024

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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 been advised that the temporary shortages of staff from the office of the Clerk of Courts as well as lawyers from the State Attorney's Office and the Office of the Public Defender have now resolved, the Court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and being otherwise duly advised, it is

ORDERED as follows:

1. Assignment of Judicial duties among the Judges, General Magistrate, and Hearing Officers of Sumter County shall be as follows:

Judge Mary Hatcher - All CF cases; all Jimmy Ryce cases; and all Risk Protection Orders; detention hearings in CJ cases.

Judge Michelle Morley - All DR, DP, UFC, CA cases except those assigned to Judge Healis; felony and misdemeanor "rocket docket."

Judge Kristie M Healis - All Foreclosures and Real Property, GA, MH (except Jimmy Ryce), CP cases; qualifying jurors; all 2 CJ cases except detention hearings; arraignments³ in MM and CT cases and on those days and dates when Judge Healis is presiding over MM and CT arraignments, she will also preside over first appearances.

1 Amended this time to: a) remove "all CJ" cases from Judge Hatcher's assignment, b) correct what is assigned to the Traffic Hearing Officer, c) acknowledge resolution of the temporary staffing shortages that had previously existed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Office of the State Attorney, and Office of the Public Defender; d) clarify the effects of pre-existing scheduling conflicts.

2 Although this reassignment is effective May 1, 2024, CJ cases cannot be heard by Judge Healis until June 18, 2024, due to previously scheduled matters in conflict with CJ hearings.

3 Although this reassignment is effective May 1, 2024, Judge Healis is unable to being presiding over MM and CT arraignments until June 12, 2024, because of pre-existing scheduling conflicts.

Judge Paul L Militello All county court matters except MM and CT arraignments; first appearances except on those days Judge Healis covers MM and CT arraignments; drug/veterans court⁴.

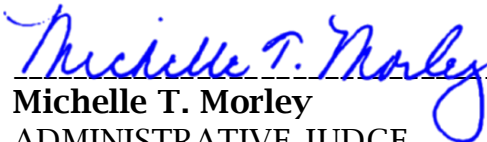
General Magistrate- Dependency arraignments, judicial reviews and permanency judicial reviews. Name changes. Pro se dissolutions of marriage, paternity and post dissolution/paternity proceedings, simplified dissolutions of marriage and adoptions. UFC and other proceedings as assigned by Judge Michelle T Morley.

Child Support Hearing Officer- Title IV-D Department of Revenue and non-IV-D Child Support Enforcement cases and other duties as assigned.

Traffic Hearing Officer - All TR cases that request a hearing and are unrelated to a criminal case or involve a crash.

2. This Order shall be effective as of May 1, 2024, and remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, this 15th day of May 2024, retroactive to May 1, 2024.



Michelle T. Morley
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

⁴ Although this assignment change is effective May 1, 2024, scheduling conflicts necessitate Judge Healis continuing to cover drug/veterans' court until June 19, 2024.