

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. H-2024-27-A

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON THE TEMPORARY
ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CIRCUIT JUDGES
TO HERNANDO COUNTY COURT
(amended to add Judge Toner)**

WHEREAS, Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, charges the chief judge with the authority to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts over which he or she is chief judge; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4) of the Florida Rules General Practice and Judicial Administration, authorizes a chief judge to assign any judge to temporary service for which the judge is qualified in any court in the same circuit; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and appropriate for the prompt, effective, and efficient administration of justice within the Circuit Courts of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and to eliminate the need for individualized orders, to avoid undue confusion and uncertainty for the public, litigants and other involved in the court system, this Administrative Order assigns the Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr., the Honorable Don Barbee, the Honorable Donald E. Scaglione, and the Honorable Stephen E. Toner, Circuit Court Judges, to hear conduct and determine matters under the jurisdiction of Hernando County Court which are presented to him in as the need may arise;

It is **THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows:

1. The following Circuit Judges are hereby assigned and designated to-wit:

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THE HONORABLE DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
THE HONORABLE DON BARBEE
THE HONORABLE DONALD E. SCAGLIONE
THE HONORABLE STEPHEN E. TONER

are to proceed to the County Courts of Hernando County and thereupon, on the **9th day of July 2024 and thereafter through the 12th day of July 2024**, hear, conduct, try, and determine the cause, or causes, which shall from time to time may be presented to him as temporary Hernando County Judge of the said Courts, and thereafter dispose of any matters considered by him.

2. Nothing in this order shall preclude the judge(s) herein named from also acting as Circuit Judge during the time of his temporary assignment

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this 10th day of July 2024.



DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT