

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2023-36

IN RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**ORDER ON CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES PERFORMING COUNTY
COURT DUTIES WITHIN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, it has been officially known to me that it is necessary from time to time for the dispatch of business for the County Court in and for the First Judicial Circuit that the circuit judges of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton County, Florida, be temporarily assigned to duty in the County Courts of each county within the circuit to supplement and aid the county judges, and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Circuit is charged with providing for the efficient utilization of judicial manpower, including the assignment of circuit judges for temporary duty in the County Courts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Miller, pursuant to authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit by Article V, Section 2.(d) of the *Constitution of Florida* and Rules of the Supreme Court of Florida promulgated thereunder, to-wit: Florida Rule of General Practice & Judicial Administration 2.205(a)(4)(c), do hereby assign and designate the following circuit court judges to conduct any and all proceedings in the County Courts of all counties of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida:

**Honorable Gary L. Bergosh
Honorable W. Joel Boles
Honorable Amy P. Brodersen
Honorable John Brown
Honorable Lacey Powell Clark
Honorable Darlene F. Dickey
Honorable Clifton A. Drake
Honorable J. Scott Duncan
Honorable Jennifer Frydrychowicz
Honorable John Jay Gontarek
Honorable R. Todd Harris
Honorable Terrance R. Ketchel
Honorable Jennie Kinsey
Honorable Jeffrey E. Lewis
Honorable John L. Miller
Honorable Linda L. Nobles
Honorable David J. Oberliesen
Honorable Stephen A. Pitre
Honorable Coleman L. Robinson
Honorable Jan Shackelford
Honorable John F. Simon, Jr.
Honorable William F. Stone
Honorable Steven Warrick
Honorable Kelvin C. Wells
Honorable Thomas Williams**

In addition to matters within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court, said circuit judges shall hear, conduct, try, and determine all issues in all divisions of the County Courts of the said circuit which shall be presented to her/him as temporary judge of said County Court.

ACCORDINGLY, the aforementioned judges are hereby vested with the power and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida for a judge of the County Court to which he/she is hereby assigned.

This order shall be effective January 1, 2024, and shall continue in force through December 31, 2024, unless otherwise vacated or amended. This order supersedes any prior administrative orders on this matter. The Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county of this circuit is directed to file a copy of this assignment in the official records book of his/her office.

DONE AND ORDERED, in Chambers at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 4th day of December, 2023.

/s/ John L. Miller
JOHN L. MILLER
CHIEF JUDGE

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