

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-016 PA-CIR

**RE: PASCO COUNTY EMERGENCY DUTY SCHEDULE –  
AUGUST 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

It is necessary to the dispatch of the business of the Circuit and County Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Pasco County, that judges be assigned as the emergency duty judge. In order to perform the functions assigned to the duty judge, it is necessary that circuit judges be temporarily assigned to the county court and that county judges be temporarily assigned to the circuit court.

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Circuit Court Judges of the Sixth Judicial Circuit listed below are assigned and designated to proceed to the Pasco County Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit. Judges of the County Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Pasco County, listed below, are assigned and designated to proceed to the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit. The judges, under and by virtue of the authority hereof, are vested with all and singular the powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida upon the judges of the courts to which they are hereby assigned to hear and thereafter to dispose of such matters considered by them during that period of time.

2. The judges listed herein are assigned and designated to hear and conduct first appearance hearings (advisories). The judges listed herein are also assigned and designated to hear, conduct, try, and determine any civil, criminal, family, or probate matter of an emergency nature where the assigned judge is unavailable. For purposes of this order, unavailability may include, but is not limited to situations where the assigned judge is absent from the courthouse, or where the assigned judge is present at the courthouse but is presiding over a trial/hearing, which cannot readily be adjourned to accommodate the emergency hearing. The assigned judge shall also be considered unavailable unless the judge designates otherwise, between the hours of 5:01 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Said duties shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

**A. CRIMINAL**

1. Advisory hearings.
2. Search warrants.
3. Arrest warrants of an emergency nature.
4. Pre-trial release decisions not otherwise heard by the Section Judge.
5. All other emergency matters where the assigned judge is unavailable.

**B. CIVIL, FAMILY AND PROBATE**

1. All dating, domestic, repeat, sexual violence, stalking, and exploitation of a

- vulnerable adult ex parte injunctions.
2. Emergency custody or visitation (time sharing) matters.
  3. Orders of Arrest and Commitment, Orders to Show Cause, Orders of Arrest, Writs of Bodily Attachment for Failure to Pay Child Support, Writs of Bodily Attachment for Failure to Appear, and Orders Holding Respondent in Custody or Releasing from Custody.
  4. Emergency Rule of Civil Procedure 1.610 injunctions.
  5. Review of Clerk's decision not to issue a Certificate of Indigence.
  6. Baker Act or Marchman Act petitions for involuntary commitment.
  7. Petitions for Emergency Temporary Guardianship.
  8. Emergency requests for medical treatment, or removal of life support.
  9. Proceedings to waive parental notification of termination of pregnancy where the assigned judge is unavailable.
  10. Any other civil, family, or probate matter of an emergency nature where the assigned judge is not available.

The responsibilities of the duty judge are expanded to include all matters specifically mentioned in this Order and any other emergency which should arise during a judge's emergency duty. The assigned judge shall hear such matters that may be brought before the judge and thereafter dispose of such matters considered by them during that period of time. Emergency is not a term subject to easy definition. As such, judges called upon to hear matters claimed to be emergency in nature must determine if the law or totality of the circumstances require immediate action. In the event the emergency duty judge decides the matter is not an emergency for the duty judge, the judge will require the matter to be referred to the assigned section judge for the section judge to review to determine if the matter should be expedited for hearing.

### C. HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS

On holidays and weekends, the emergency duty judge's responsibilities also include shelter hearings pursuant to sections 39.402 and 39.506, Florida Statutes and delinquency detention hearings pursuant to section 985.255, Florida Statutes.

3. The duty judge shall serve from 8:01 a.m. Monday until 8:00 a.m. the following Monday except when the following Monday is a court holiday, the duty continues until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday. The duty judge is expected to remain at the courthouse until 5:00 p.m. each weekday to handle emergencies and other duty assignments occurring at the courthouse. The duty judge shall also be on call 24 hours per day to hear all emergency matters occurring after 5:01 p.m. The emergency duty judge is required to be accessible via cellular phone at all times when assigned duty.

4. If the following assignments conflict with any other commitments, **IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE JUDGE ASSIGNED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANOTHER JUDGE TO EXCHANGE THE DUTY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSIGNED JUDGE TO PROVIDE TIMELY NOTIFICATION OF THE EXCHANGE TO ALL PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE EXCHANGE.**

All judges assigned to the Circuit and County Courts shall serve as duty judge in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
1-2	Lewis	NPR	
3-9	Grey	NPR	
10-16	Compton	DC	
17-21	Lewis	DC	
22,23	Lewis	NPR	
24-30	Wansboro	NPR	
31	Barthle	DC	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
1-6	Barthle	DC	
7	Barthle	DC	Labor Day*
8-13	Polk	DC	
14-18	Handsel	NPR	
19-20	Stearns	NPR	
21-27	Babb	DC	
28	Babb	DC	Yom Kippur*
29-30	Byrd	NPR	
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1-4	Byrd	NPR	
5-11	Riba	NPR	
12-18	Campbell	NPR	
19-25	Compton	DC	
26-30	Ellis	DC	
31	Ellis	NPR	

DATE	JUDGE	LOCATION	HOLIDAYS
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1	Ellis	NPR	
2-8	Grey	NPR	
9-10	Diskey	NPR	
11	Diskey	NPR	Veterans Day*
12-15	Diskey	NPR	
16-20	Poblick	NPR	
21-22	Poblick	DC	
23-25	Groger	DC	
26	Groger	NPR	Thanksgiving Holiday*
27	Groger	NPR	Thanksgiving Holiday*
28-29	Groger	NPR	
30	Riba	NPR	
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1-6	Riba	NPR	
7-11	Poblick	NPR	
12-13	Poblick	DC	
14-20	Polk	DC	
21-23	Mansfield	NPR	
24	Mansfield	NPR	Christmas Holiday*
25	Mansfield	NPR	Christmas Holiday*
26-27	Mansfield	NPR	
28-31	Byrd	NPR	

\*Court Holidays

Effective August 1, 2020, Administrative Order 2019-061 is hereby rescinded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2020.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON JULY 29, 2020  
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Pasco Judges  
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney  
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender  
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk & Comptroller, Pasco County  
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Pasco County Sheriff  
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator  
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District  
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Lillian Simon, Director Administrative Services, Pasco County  
Kimberly Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk's Office  
Florida Department of Children and Families, Pasco County  
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Pasco County  
Court Reporters, Pasco County  
Probation and Parole, Pasco County  
Domestic Violence Shelters, Pasco County  
Bar Associations, Pasco County  
Law Libraries, Pasco County