

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-059 PA-CIR

RE: PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – JANUARY 1, 2021

EAST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS

Sections 1, 2

All Criminal cases, including violations of probation, excluding technical violations

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

Technical violations of probation

Judge Linda H. Babb

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Susan Barthle and
Judge Gregory G. Groger

Section 30

Adult Drug Court

Judge Shawn Crane

JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS

Sections 5, 28

All Juvenile Delinquency*

Judge Linda H. Babb

Sections 6, 29

All Juvenile Dependency*

Judge Linda H. Babb

Section 40

Family Dependency Treatment Court and all dependency matters related to the Family Dependency Treatment Court case

Judge Shawn Crane

*During the absence of the assigned juvenile dependency judge, Judge Susan Barthle is designated as a juvenile court judge in Pasco County for the purpose of handling shelter hearings and other juvenile matters in the juvenile dependency division.

PROBATE COURT SECTIONS

Sections A, X

Risk Protection Orders assigned to these sections

Judge James R. Stearns

Judge Linda H. Babb

CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT SECTIONS

Section B

Circuit Civil cases

Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Gregory G. Groger

Section Y Circuit Civil cases Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody	Judge Susan Barthle
J1 50% Residential foreclosure cases	Judge Susan Barthle
J4 50% Residential foreclosure cases	Judge Gregory G. Groger
J5 50% Commercial foreclosure cases	Judge Susan Barthle
J8 50% Commercial foreclosure cases	Judge Gregory G. Groger

FAMILY COURT SECTIONS

Section C 50% Domestic violence cases including any indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office	Judge Alicia Polk
Section C1 50% Domestic violence cases including any indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office	Judge Evan Frayman**
Section C2 Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and stalking cases.	Judge Linda H. Babb
Section K 50% Domestic relations cases	Judge Alicia Polk
Section L 50% Domestic relations cases	Judge Evan Frayman**
Section M 50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue Child Support cases	Judge Alicia Polk
Section M1 50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue Child Support cases	Judge Evan Frayman**
Section DZ 50% Adoption, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative adoptions and private adoptions, and paternity cases, out-of- county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining	Judge Alicia Polk

to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapter 742

Section EZ

Judge Evan Frayman**

50% Adoption, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative adoptions and private adoptions, and paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapter 742

Section UF

Judge Linda H. Babb

Unified Family Court (dependency and delinquency cases with family-related domestic relations or domestic violence) and Chapter 39 adoptions emanating from DCF termination of parental rights proceedings

** Assignments effective January 5, 2021.

WEST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS

Section 3

Judge Mary M. Handsel

50% Criminal cases, including section 3 violations of probation; Indirect criminal contempt affidavits filed in Section Q1 and prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office

Section 4

Judge Kim Campbell

50% Criminal cases, including section 4 violations of probation; Indirect criminal contempt affidavits filed in Section Q2 and prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office

Section 31

Judge Shawn Crane

Adult Drug Court

JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS

Sections 7, 9

Judge James R. Stearns

All Juvenile Delinquency***

Sections 8, 26

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

All Juvenile Dependency***

Section 41

Judge Shawn Crane

Family Dependency Treatment Court and all dependency matters related to the Family Dependency Treatment Court case;

*** During the absence of the assigned juvenile dependency judges Kimberly Sharpe Byrd and Joshua Riba are designated as juvenile court judges in Pasco County for the purpose of handling shelter hearings and other juvenile matters in the juvenile dependency division.

PROBATE COURT SECTIONS

Sections I, J

Judge James R. Stearns

CIVIL COURT SECTIONS

Section G

50% Circuit Civil cases
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

Section H

50% Circuit Civil cases
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

Section J2

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

Section J3

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

Section J6

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

Section J7

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

FAMILY COURT SECTIONS

Section E

50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Joshua Riba

Section F

50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

Section N1

50% U.I.F.S.A. and Department of
Revenue child support cases

Judge Joshua Riba

Section N2

50% U.I.F.S.A. and Department of
Revenue child support cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

Section Q1

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Joshua Riba

Section Q2

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

Section Q3

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and stalking cases

Judge James R. Stearns

Section Z1

50% Adoptions, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative and private adoptions, paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapters 752, Fla. Stat.

Judge Joshua Riba

Section Z2

50% Adoptions, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative and private adoptions, paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapters 752, Fla. Stat.

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

Section FC

Unified Family Court (dependency and delinquency cases with family-related domestic relations or domestic violence)

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

Section P

County Court Appeals

Pasco Grand Jury Proceedings

Judge Mary M. Handsel

Effective January 1, 2021, Administrative Order 2020-048 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of December 2020.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON DECEMBER 22, 2020
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All 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
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel, Second District
Lillian Simon, Director of Administrative Services, Pasco County
Kimberly Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk's Office
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