

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5-44.5

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF MAGISTRATES FOR
PROCEEDINGS IN THE FAMILY DIVISION

WHEREAS, Rule 12.490, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, provides for the appointment of a General Master, now titled Magistrate, by the judges; and

WHEREAS, Rule 12.490, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, further provides the procedures whereby cases may be referred to a Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned chief judge and other circuit judges are desirous of appointing Magistrates to assist in the processing and hearing of cases in the Family Division;

It is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Robin Matis-Jackson, Philip Vandenbosch, Jennifer Steimle, Jeffrey Simons (effective as of October 1, 2025), and Maria Zucker are appointed as magistrates to preside over those cases described herein as assigned by any circuit judge.
2. Except as otherwise indicated herein, this Administrative Order is effective upon signing and VACATES and SUPERCEDES Administrative Order No. 5-44.4, entered on August 13, 2024.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 21st day of November, 2025.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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