

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7-10.13

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTION
HEARING OFFICER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has enacted legislation permitting the establishment of civil infraction hearing officer programs in §318.30, Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, the judges of the County Court for Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties have recommended unanimously that a civil traffic infraction hearing officer program (the Program) be established to serve the people of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court, by letter dated December 15, 1997, has approved the establishment of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Program is necessary for the administration of justice in this county to assist in relieving the excessive caseloads in the county court;

It is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Civil Infraction Traffic Hearing Officer Program has been established in Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties.
2. Daveta L. Williams, Esquire, and Kevin James D'Espies, both independent contractors, are appointed and designated as contract Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers (contractual).
3. This Administrative Order is effective on August 31, 2026, and VACATES and SUPERCEDES Administrative Order No. 7-10.12, entered on July 20, 2026.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 27th day of August, 2026.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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