

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

SPECIAL ORDER

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY JUDGES  
TO THE OTHER COURTS OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR THE PERIOD  
BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2023 AND ENDING JULY 4, 2023

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the dispatch of business in the Circuit and County Courts in the Tenth Judicial Circuit for the following assignments to be made;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ellen S. Masters, under the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in accordance with Rule 2.215(b) (4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, do hereby assign and designate the following judges as temporary judges of the Courts as herein set forth for the period beginning January 3, 2023 and ending July 4, 2023, unless otherwise amended. This assignment is for the purpose of hearing, conducting, trying and determining the cause or causes which shall be presented to them as temporary and acting judges of the designated courts, and thereafter to dispose of all matters considered by them.

1. Judges Abdoney, Barber, Beato, Butz, Carpanini, Combee, Cowden, Denmark, Durden, Estrada, Franklin, Gravitt, Harb, Helms, Hill, Masters, McDaniel, Moore, Ojeda, Pincket, Ramirez, Sites, Spohr, Spoto, Swenson, Ward, Winstead and Yancey to the County Courts in Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties.

2. Judges Fegers, Flynn, Green, Griffin, Grode, Kaylor, Kohl, Pattey, Rafool and Stamey to the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and to the County Courts in Hardee and Highlands Counties.

3. Judge Horton to the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and to the County Courts in Highlands and Polk Counties.

4. Judge Ritenour to the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit and to the County Courts in Hardee and Polk Counties.

These judges, under and by virtue of the authority hereof, are hereby vested with all the singular powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida upon a judge of the Court to which he or she is hereby assigned.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Chambers at Bartow, Polk County, Florida on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

s/ELLEN S. MASTERS, Chief Judge

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