

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

SPECIAL ORDER

**AMENDING EXHIBITS A, D, AND E TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-1.63
*ASSIGNMENTS OF JUDGES JULY 5, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2024***

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 1-1.63 provides for the assignments of judges from July 5, 2023, through January 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to Administrative Order No. 1-1.63 provides for the assignment of circuit and county court judges to various sections and divisions, and further provides for the apportionment of caseloads; and

WHEREAS, Exhibits D and E outline additional judicial duties; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to delete Polk County Civil Section 11 from the judicial assignments (Exhibit A) due to the termination of Section 11 by a Special Order entered on September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the termination of Section 11, it is necessary to amend the judicial duties (Exhibits D and E) to reflect that Circuit Judge Wayne Durden will preside over matters that are scheduled on the Section 11 calendar (or that may be scheduled) to be heard or tried prior to January 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the prompt and efficient administration of justice, it is necessary to amend the judicial assignments provided for in Exhibits A, D, and E; it is therefore

ORDERED and DIRECTED that Exhibits A, D, and E are amended and superseded by the attached Amended Exhibits A, D and E (attached and incorporated herein).

DONE AND ORDERED on this 1st day of September, 2023.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

Original: Polk County Clerk of Courts

Copies:

All Judges

Hardee County Clerk of Court

Highlands County Clerk of Court

Polk County Clerk of Courts

Trial Court Administrator

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EXHIBIT A
ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES TO SECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENT OF NEW CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS
JULY 5, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2024

UNITS: TITLES AND AMOUNTS

POLK COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
F1: PINCKET		5							
F2: MOORE		5							
F3: BARBER		5							
F4: HARB		5							
F5: COMBEE		5							
F6: FRANKLIN		5							
F7: WINSTEAD		5							
F9: ABDONEY (Capital) (Adm. Judge)	2	3							
01/80: RAMIREZ				5					
02/80: GRAVITT				5					
04: MCDANIEL	5								
05/80: SPOTO (Adm. Judge)				5					
07: RAFOOL	5								
08: MASTERS	5								
09/80: HILL				5					
DURDEN (Adm. Jdg) (Sec. 11 Calendar)	5								
13/80: SWENSON				5					
14: CARPANINI (Adm. Judge)					3		2		
15: SITES	5								
30/31: YANCEY						1.5	1	2.5	
J1: SPOHR (DEP)			5						
J2: DENMARK (DEL)			5						
J4: BUTZ (DEP) (Adm. Judge)			5						
RJ: HORTON-Thursdays DEL relief as needed			0.5						
17(relief as needed): KAYLOR							0.25		
80 (Simplified DOM): KAYLOR									1
TOTALS	27	38	15.5	25	3	1.5	3.25	2.5	1
HIGHLANDS COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
06: COWDEN		5							
10: ESTRADA (Adm. Judge)	5								
12: BEATO				5					
JR: WARD Juvenile/Probate/Guardianship- Mental Health/Risk Protection			2		1.5		1.5		
TOTALS	5	5	2	5	1.5	0	1.5	0	0.5
HARDEE COUNTY	CIVIL	FELONY	JUV	FAMILY	PROBATE	APPEALS/ WRITS	MENTAL/ PUBLIC HEALTH	CHIEF JUDGE	SELF HELP
03: OJEDA (Adm. Judge)	1	2	1	0.75	0.125	0	0.125	0	0
TOTALS	1	2	1	0.75	0.125	0	0.125	0	0

**EXHIBT D
JURY TRIAL SCHEDULE**

JULY 5, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2024

WEEK OF	JULY				
	3	10	17	24	31
FELONY (POLK)	F1	F2	F1	F2	C
	F4	F5	F3	F4	J
	F6	F7	F6	F7	C
	F9	F9	F9	F9	
CIVIL (POLK)	7	15	8	4	11
	15	8	4	11	7
HIGHLANDS		JT			
HARDEE		JT			

AUGUST			
7	14	21	28
F1	F2	F3	F1
F3	F4	F5	F4
F5	F6	F7	F6
F9	F9	F9	F9
7	15	8	4
15	8	4	11
JT			
JT			

SEPTEMBER			
4	11	18	25
F2	F1	F2	F1
F5	F3	F4	F3
F7	F6	F7	F5
F9	F9	F9	F9
11	7	15	8
7	15	8	4
JT			
JT			

WEEK OF	OCTOBER				
	2	9	16	23	30
FELONY (POLK)	F2	F3	F1	A	F2
	F4	F5	F4	J	F5
	F6	F7	F6	S	F7
	F9	F9	F9	F9	
CIVIL (POLK)	4	11	7	15	8
	11	7	15	8	4
HIGHLANDS		JT			
HARDEE		JT			

NOVEMBER			
6	13	20	27
F1	F2	F1	F2
F3	F4	F3	F4
F6	F7	F5	F6
F9	F9	F9	F9
4	11	7	15
11	7	15	8
JT			
JT			

DECEMBER			
4	11	18	25
F3	F1	N	N
F5	F4	O	O
F7	F6	N	N
		E	E
F9	F9		
8	4		
4	11		
JT			
JT			

SECTION	JUDGE
F1	PINCKET
F2	MOORE
F3	BARBER
F4	HARB
F5	COMBEE
F6	FRANKLIN
F7	WINSTEAD
F9	ABDONEY
1/80	RAMIREZ
2/80	GRAVITT
3	OJEDA
4	MCDANIEL
5/80	SPOTO
6	COWDEN
30/31	YANCEY

SECTION	JUDGE
JV/Prob/Guard-MH/RPO	WARD
7	RAFOOL
8	MASTERS
9/80	HILL
10	ESTRADA
Sec. 11 Calendar	DURDEN
12	BEATO
13/80	SWENSON
14	CARPANINI
15	SITES
J1	SPOHR
J2	DENMARK
J4	BUTZ
RJ	HORTON
17 Relief /Simplified DOM	KAYLOR

NOTE: These are designated weeks for jury trials only. Judges needing additional trial weeks are requested to coordinate schedules with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

EXHIBIT E
CALENDAR FOR CHAMBER HEARINGS
JULY 5, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2024

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
01/80	BRENDA P. RAMIREZ POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Janet Caudillo (863) 534-4366; (863) 534-4108 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J137, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	06	ANGELA J. COWDEN HIGHLANDS FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Anita Reiley (863) 402-6617; (863) 402-6620 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring
02/80	MELISSA GRAVITT POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Karen Scholten (863) 534-4684; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J135, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	07	BRANDON J. RAFOOL POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Ursula Nathey (863) 534-6963; (863) 534-4454 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J115, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
03	REINALDO OJEDA ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE Hardee Civil, Family, Felony, Juvenile, Mental Health, and Probate Judicial Assistant: Kaley Gallison (863) 773-6547; (863) 773-3505 (fax) 417 W. Main St. Suite 327, P.O. Drawer Box 1749 Wauchula 33873 Monday – Friday, Wauchula (863) 534-6931; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J167, Bartow 33831-9000	08	ELLEN S. MASTERS POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Stephanie Lavoie (863) 534-4669; (863) 534-7783 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J145, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
04	MICHAEL P. MCDANIEL POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Julie Duffey (863) 534-2505; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J134, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	09/80	GERALD P. HILL, II POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kimberly Jenkins (863) 534-2522; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J109, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
05/80	KEITH P. SPOTO ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Joanna Angeles (863) 534-5862; (863) 534-5832 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J152, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	10	PETER F. ESTRADA ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HIGHLANDS CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Sierra Aguilera (863) 402-6994; (863) 402-6993 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
	<p>WAYNE M. DURDEN ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK CIVIL DIVISION (will preside over the Section 11 calendar) Judicial Assistant: Cheryl Register (863) 534-4645; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J116, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	30/31/17	<p>JAMES A. YANCEY CHIEF JUDGE APPEALS/WRITS/ADMINISTRATIVE/RISK PROTECTION Judicial Assistant: Juli Reublin (863) 534-4576; (863) 534-4626 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J146, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
12	<p>HEATHER BEATO HIGHLANDS FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Cassie Cook (863) 402-6959; (863) 402-6977 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>	J1	<p>TOREA SPOHR POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Laurie Frean (863) 534-4688; (863) 534-5832 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J158, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
13/80	<p>JENNIFER A. SWENSON POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Cheryl Starling (863) 534-4962; (863) 534-4689 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J162, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J2	<p>CASSANDRA L. DENMARK POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DELINQUENCY) Judicial Assistant: Breanna Dexter (863) 534-4653; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J132, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
14	<p>MARK F. CARPANINI ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK PROBATE/MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Melissa Eldridge (863) 534-4149; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J155, Bartow 33831-9000</p>	J4	<p>KELLY P. BUTZ ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Cynthia Marazzito (863) 534-6907; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J174, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
15	<p>WILLIAM D. SITES POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Wendy Watson (863) 534-4456; (863) 534-4495 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J147, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	JR	<p>DAVID V. WARD HIGHLANDS COUNTY Juvenile/Probate/ Guardianship-Mental Health/Risk Protection Judicial Assistant: Denise Delgado (863) 402-6901; (863) 402-6918 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
F1	<p>MICHELLE PINCKET POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Melanie Komorowski (863)534-6909; (863) 534-7783 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J170, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	F9	<p>J. KEVIN ABDONEY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FELONY DIVISION (Capital) Judicial Assistant: Cindy Stevens (863) 534-6961; (863) 534-4094 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J165, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>

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F2	<p>DANA Y. MOORE POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Sharon Boggan (863) 534-5840; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J141, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		<p>Polk County Courthouse 255 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830 Clerk (863) 534-4000</p> <p>Highlands County Courthouse 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 Clerk (863) 402-6564 County Judge (863) 402-6614; (863) 402-6930 (fax)</p>
F3	<p>SUSAN L. BARBER POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kyndal Witt (863) 534-6934; (863) 534-4024 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J166, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		<p>Hardee County Courthouse 417 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL 33873 Clerk (863) 773-4174 County Judge (863) 773-3174; (863) 773-4165 (fax)</p>
F4	<p>JALAL A. HARB POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Cindy Sullivan (863) 534-4077; (863) 534-4495 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J140, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		<p>Administrative Office of the Courts P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J102, Bartow, FL 33831-9000 (863) 534-4686; (863) 534-4699 (fax)</p>
F5	<p>CATHERINE L. COMBEE POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Karen Starling (863) 534-4550; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J164, Bartow, FL 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
F6	<p>SHARON M. FRANKLIN POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Amy Tolley (863) 534-4693; (863) 534-5824 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J173, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		
F7	<p>LORI A. WINSTEAD POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Mallory Freeman (863) 534-5820; (863) 534-2555 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J160, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>		