

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

SPECIAL ORDER

DIRECTING THE POLK COUNTY CLERK OF COURT TO TRANSFER SMALL CLAIMS CASES

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, the Court entered *Special Order Amending Exhibit F to Administrative Order No. 1-1.61 Assignments of Judges July 5, 2022 through January 2, 2023*, which directed the Polk County Clerk of Court to assign 80 percent of new small claims cases to Division M-2 and 20 percent of new small claims cases to Division M-8; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1-1.62, *In Re: Assignment of Judges January 3, 2023 through July 4, 2023*, entered on December 9, 2022, Polk County small claims cases are assigned to Division M-2; and

WHEREAS, to enable the prompt and efficient disposition of cases, it is necessary to transfer small claims cases from Division M-8 to Division M-2; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2);

It is hereby ORDERED that effective July 5, 2023, the Polk County Clerk of Court is directed to transfer all pending/never closed small claims cases, re-opened small claims cases, and closed small claims cases from Division M-8 to Division M-2. No Polk County small claims cases shall be assigned to Division M-8.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 6th day of June, 2023.

s/ELLEN S. MASTERS, Chief Judge

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