



IN THE COURTS OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2020-00-15
(Rescinding Administrative Order #2020-00-10)

RE: CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENT PLAN
JANUARY 1, 2021 – JANUARY 1, 2022

Whereas, Rule 2.215(b) (2), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, establishes that the chief judge of a circuit “shall exercise administrative supervision over all courts within the judicial circuit.”

Whereas, Rule 2.215(b) (4), Florida Rules of judicial Administration, allows the chief judge to assign judges to courts and divisions and determine length of each assignment. It also allows the chief judge to assign any judge to temporary service for which the judge is qualified in any court in the same circuit; and

Whereas, Rule 2.215(b) (3), Florida Rules of judicial Administration, directs the chief judge to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit.

Now, Therefore, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the circuit court judicial assignments as reflected on Attachment #1 is incorporated herein and shall be in effect from January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022, unless amended or rescinded by further order of the court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, this 24 day of August 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. N. Patterson", written over a horizontal line.

CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE

Attachment #1

**Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
Circuit Judge Assignment Plan
January 1, 2021 – January 1, 2022
(unless otherwise modified by court order)**

| | Designated Office Headquarters | Assignments |
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| 1. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Smiley | Bay County Probate, Guardianship, & Mental Health (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Civil (25% of the total identified) Bay County Jimmy Ryce Cases (100% of the identified cases) |
| 2. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Clark | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division B (25% of the total identified cases) Bay County Dependency and Shelter Hearings and Truancy and Early Childhood Court Bay County Drug Court Acting Chief Judge |
| 3. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Fishel | Bay County Circuit Civil Proceedings (50% of the total identified civil cases) |
| 4. | Bay County Main Courthouse C.J. Patterson (Circuit-wide General Administration & Oversight) | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division H (25% of the total identified criminal cases) Bay County Veterans Court (Circuit-wide) Early Childhood Court (Circuit-wide) Chief Judge Duties |
| 5. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Mallory | Bay County Delinquency Cases & Detention Hearings (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Injunctions for Protection Hearings (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (25% of the total identified cases) |
| 6. | Calhoun County Courthouse J. Gay | Calhoun County Circuit Proceedings (100% of the identified cases) Gulf County Circuit Proceedings (100% of the identified cases) All Jimmy Ryce Proceedings for Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington |
| 7. | Washington County Courthouse J. Register | Washington County Circuit Proceedings (100% of identified cases) Holmes County Circuit Proceedings (100% of identified cases) |
| 8. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Garcia | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division G (25% of the total identified cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (25% of the total identified cases) |
| 9. | Jackson County Courthouse J. Goodman | Jackson County Circuit Proceedings (100% of the identified cases, including Delinquency/Truancy) Jackson County Drug Court |
| 10. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Stephenson | Bay County Criminal Division C (25% of the total identified criminal cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (25% of the total identified cases) Bay County Contested and Non-Title IV D Child Support Proceedings (100% of cases) Therapeutic Justice Court |
| 11. | Bay County Main Courthouse J. Henry | Bay County Circuit Civil (25% of the total identified civil cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (25% of the total identified cases) |



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BILL KINSAUL, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk