



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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2021-00-12
(Rescinding Administrative Order #2021-00-07)

RE: CIRCUIT JUDGE ASSIGNMENT PLAN
JANUARY 1, 2022 – JANUARY 1, 2024

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 are reflected on Attachment #1 as incorporated herein and shall be in effect from January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2024, unless amended or rescinded by further order of the court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, this 6th day of December, 2021.

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

CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE



**Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
Circuit Judge Assignment Plan
January 1, 2022 – January 1, 2024
(unless otherwise modified by court order)**

| | Designated Office Headquarters | Assignments |
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| 1. | Bay County Main Courthouse Smiley Administrative Probate Judge | Bay County Probate, Guardianship, & Mental Health (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Civil (20% of the total identified) Bay County Jimmy Ryce Cases (100% of the identified cases) |
| 2. | Bay County Main Courthouse Clark Acting Chief Judge (Mentor Judge) | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division B (25% of the total identified cases) Bay County Drug Court Jury Trial Backup for Division C |
| 3. | Washington County Courthouse/ Bay County Main Courthouse Patterson Chief Judge (Circuit-wide General Administration & Oversight) | Washington County Circuit Proceedings (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Injunctions for Protection Hearings (50% of the identified cases) All Jimmy Ryce Proceedings for Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Veterans Court (Circuit-wide) |
| 4. | Bay County Main Courthouse Mallory Administrative Juvenile Judge | Bay County Delinquency Cases & Detention Hearings (100% of the identified cases) Bay County Injunctions for Protection Hearings (50% of the identified cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (33% of the total identified cases) |
| 5. | Bay County Main Courthouse Gay | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division G (25% of the total identified criminal cases) Jury Trial Backup for Division H |
| 6. | Bay County Main Courthouse Register | Bay County Circuit Criminal Division H (25% of the total identified criminal cases) Jury Trial Backup for Division G |
| 7. | Jackson County Courthouse Garcia Administrative Criminal Judge for the Outer Counties | Jackson County Circuit Proceedings (100% of the identified cases) Jackson County Drug Court |
| 8. | Bay County Courthouse Goodman Administrative Civil Judge | Bay County Circuit Civil Proceedings (40% of the total identified civil cases) |
| 9. | Bay County Main Courthouse Stephenson Administrative Criminal Law Judge | Bay County Criminal Division C (25% of the total identified criminal cases) Bay County Therapeutic Justice Court (Circuit-wide) Jury Trial Backup for Division B |
| 10. | Bay County Courthouse Henry Administrative Family Law Judge Supervising Judge of Staff Attorneys | Bay County Circuit Civil Proceedings (40% of the total identified civil cases) |

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| 11. | Calhoun County Courthouse/Bay County Main Courthouse Young | Calhoun County Circuit Proceedings (100% of identified cases) Bay County Domestic Relation Cases (33% of the total identified cases) Bay County Contested and Non-Title IV D Child Support Proceedings (100% of cases) Hague Convention Proceedings (Circuit-wide) |
| 12. | Holmes County Courthouse/Bay County Main Courthouse Roberts | Holmes County Circuit Proceedings (100% of identified cases) Bay County Dependency and Shelter Hearings and Truancy and Early Childhood Court Bay County Unified Family Court |
| 13. | Gulf County Courthouse New Judge TBD | Gulf County Circuit Proceedings (100% of identified cases) Bay County Domestic Relations Cases (33% of the total identified cases) |