

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-003 PA-CIR

**RE: PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**EAST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections 1, 2**

All Criminal cases, including violations of probation, excluding technical violations

Judge Gregory G. Groger

Technical violations of probation

Judge Linda H. Babb

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Susan Barthle and  
Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

**Section 30**

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

Judge Shawn Crane

**JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections 5, 28**

All Juvenile Delinquency\*

Judge Linda H. Babb

**Sections 6, 29**

All Juvenile Dependency\*

Judge Linda H. Babb

**Section 40**

Family Dependency Treatment Court,  
Early Childhood Court, and all dependency matters related to the Family Dependency Treatment Court case

Judge Shawn Crane

\*During the absence of the assigned juvenile dependency judge, Judge Susan Barthle is designated as a juvenile court judge in Pasco County for the purpose of handling shelter hearings and other juvenile matters in the juvenile dependency division.

**PROBATE COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections A, X**

Risk Protection Orders assigned to these sections

Judge James R. Stearns

Judge Linda H. Babb

**CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT SECTIONS**

**Section B**

Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

<b>Section Y</b> Circuit Civil cases Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody	Judge Susan Barthle
<b>J1</b> 50% Residential foreclosure cases	Judge Susan Barthle
<b>J4</b> 50% Residential foreclosure cases	Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis
<b>J5</b> 50% Commercial foreclosure cases	Judge Susan Barthle
<b>J8</b> 50% Commercial foreclosure cases	Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

### **FAMILY COURT SECTIONS**

<b>Section C</b> 50% Domestic violence cases including any indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office	Judge Alicia Polk
<b>Section C1</b> 50% Domestic violence cases including any indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office	Judge Brian Gnage
<b>Section C2</b> Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and stalking cases.	Judge Linda H. Babb
<b>Section K</b> 50% Domestic relations cases	Judge Alicia Polk
<b>Section L</b> 50% Domestic relations cases	Judge Brian Gnage
<b>Section M</b> 50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue Child Support cases	Judge Alicia Polk
<b>Section M1</b> 50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue Child Support cases	Judge Brian Gnage
<b>Section DZ</b> 50% Adoption, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative adoptions and private adoptions, and paternity cases, out-of- county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining	Judge Alicia Polk

to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapter 742

**Section EZ**

50% Adoption, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative adoptions and private adoptions, and paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapter 742

Judge Brian Gnage

**Section UF**

Unified Family Court (dependency and delinquency cases with family-related domestic relations or domestic violence) and Chapter 39 adoptions emanating from DCF termination of parental rights proceedings

Judge Linda H. Babb

**WEST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS**

**Section 3**

50% Criminal cases, including section 3 violations of probation; Indirect criminal contempt affidavits filed in Section Q1 and prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office

Judge Mary M. Handsel

**Section 4**

50% Criminal cases, including section 4 violations of probation; Indirect criminal contempt affidavits filed in Section Q2 and prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office

Judge Kim Campbell

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd and Judge Declan P. Mansfield

**Section 31**

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

Judge Shawn Crane

**JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections 7, 9**

All Juvenile Delinquency\*\*

Judge James R. Stearns

**Sections 8, 26**

All Juvenile Dependency\*\*

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

**Section 41**

Family Dependency Treatment Court, Early Childhood Court, and all dependency matters related to the Family Dependency

Judge Shawn Crane

Treatment Court case

\*\* During the absence of the assigned juvenile dependency judges Kimberly Sharpe Byrd and Joshua Riba are designated as juvenile court judges in Pasco County for the purpose of handling shelter hearings and other juvenile matters in the juvenile dependency division.

### **PROBATE COURT SECTIONS**

#### **Sections I, J**

Judge James R. Stearns

### **CIVIL COURT SECTIONS**

#### **Section G**

50% Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs  
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

#### **Section H**

50% Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs  
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

#### **Section J2**

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

#### **Section J3**

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

#### **Section J6**

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

#### **Section J7**

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Declan P. Mansfield

### **FAMILY COURT SECTIONS**

#### **Section E**

50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Joshua Riba

#### **Section F**

50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

#### **Section N1**

50% U.I.F.S.A. and Department of  
Revenue child support cases

Judge Joshua Riba

#### **Section N2**

50% U.I.F.S.A. and Department of  
Revenue child support cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

#### **Section Q1**

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Joshua Riba

#### **Section Q2**

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

**Section Q3**

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and stalking cases

Judge Joseph Justice

**Section Z1**

50% Adoptions, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative and private adoptions, paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapters 752, Fla. Stat.

Judge Joshua Riba

**Section Z2**

50% Adoptions, including joint petitions for adoption by step-parent, relative and private adoptions, paternity cases, out-of-county enforcement and modification orders filed in domestic cases, Writs of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapters 752, Fla. Stat.

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

**Section FC**

Unified Family Court (dependency and delinquency cases with family-related domestic relations or domestic violence)

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

**Section P**

County Court Appeals

**Pasco Grand Jury Proceedings**

Judge Mary M. Handsel

Effective February 14, 2022, Administrative Order 2021-0050 is hereby rescinded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2022.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON JANUARY 20, 2022  
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges  
The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney  
The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender  
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk & Comptroller, Pasco County  
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Pasco County Sheriff  
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator  
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District  
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel, Second District  
Michele Emmerman, Director of Administrative Services, Pasco County  
Kimberly Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk's Office  
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