

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-028 PA-CIR

**RE: PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – JUNE 16, 2025**

**EAST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections 1, 2**

All Criminal cases, including Sections 1 & 2  
violations of probation; Indirect criminal  
contempt affidavits filed in Sections 1 & 2  
and prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office

Judge Gregory G. Groger

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Susan Barthle and  
Judge Alicia Polk

**Section 30**

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

**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 Jennifer Dubbeld

\*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, Baker Act petitions,  
and Marchman Act petitions assigned to  
these sections only

Judge Mark F. Robens and  
Judge Linda H. Babb

**CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT SECTIONS**

**Section B**

Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs

Judge Alicia Polk

of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

**Section Y**

Circuit Civil cases

Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs  
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

Judge Susan Barthle

**J1**

50% Residential foreclosure cases

Judge Susan Barthle

**J4**

50% Residential foreclosure cases

Judge Alicia Polk

**J5**

50% Commercial foreclosure cases

Judge Susan Barthle

**J8**

50% Commercial foreclosure cases

Judge Alicia Polk

**FAMILY COURT SECTIONS**

**Section C**

50% Domestic violence cases including any  
indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted  
by the State Attorney's Office

Judge Benjamin S. Thomas

**Section C1**

50% Domestic violence cases including any  
indirect criminal contempt affidavits prosecuted  
by the State Attorney's Office

Judge Nicole Pearlman

**Section C2**

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and  
stalking cases

Judge Susan Barthle and  
Judge Alicia Polk

**Section K**

50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Benjamin S. Thomas

**Section L**

50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Nicole Pearlman

**Section M**

50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue  
Child Support cases

Judge Benjamin S. Thomas

**Section M1**

50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue  
Child Support cases

Judge Nicole Pearlman

**Section DZ**

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 Benjamin S. Thomas

to child custody, petitions for custody, actions filed under Chapter 742, Fla. Stat.

**Section EZ**

Judge Nicole Pearlman

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, Fla. Stat.

**Section UF**

Judge Linda H. Babb

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

**WEST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS**

**Section 3**

Judge Mary M. Handsel

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

**Section 4**

Judge Joshua Riba

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

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd  
and Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

**Section 31**

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

**JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS**

**Sections 7, 9**

Judge Mark F. Robens

All Juvenile Delinquency\*\*

**Sections 8, 26**

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

All Juvenile Dependency\*\*

**Section 41**

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

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

**\*\* During the absence of the assigned juvenile dependency judges, Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd and Judge Dustin Anderson 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 Mark F. Robens

### **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 Kemba Johnson Lewis

#### **Section J2**

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

#### **Section J3**

50% Residential Foreclosures

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

#### **Section J6**

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd

#### **Section J7**

50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

### **FAMILY COURT SECTIONS**

#### **Section E**

50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Dustin Anderson

#### **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 Dustin Anderson

#### **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 Dustin Anderson

#### **Section Q2**

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

**Section Q3**

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence  
and stalking cases

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis  
and Judge Kimberly Sharpe  
Byrd

**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 Chapter 752, Fla. Stat.

Judge Dustin Anderson

**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 Chapter 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 June 16, 2025, Administrative Order 2025-016 is hereby rescinded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of May 2025.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON MAY 22, 2025  
BY SHAWN CRANE, 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  
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator  
Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator

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