

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-014 PI-CTY

RE: PINELLAS COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – MAY 1, 2026

CRIMINAL SECTIONS

PINELLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER

Section E	Judge Diane Croff
Section F	Judge Brett Szematowicz
Section G	Judge Elizabeth Zuroweste
Section H	Judge Cathy McKyton
Section L	Judge Robert Dittmer
Section V	Judge Joseph Lawhorne

Section R	Judge Holly T. Grissinger
All Domestic violence cases, including Violations of Probation	

Advisory /Section P	Judge Kathleen T. Hessinger
- As scheduled by the Court, conducts misdemeanor and felony advisories; Local Ordinance Violations and non-criminal payable infractions; bond calendars; extradition matters; and other duties assigned by the Court	

The temporary assignment of the advisory county court judges to the criminal or civil division is made pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215. The judges are by virtue of the authority hereof, vested with all and singular the powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida upon the judges of the Circuit Court to which the judges are hereby assigned.

CIVIL COURT

CLEARWATER – CLEARWATER HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Section 41	Judge Susan Bedinghaus
Section 42	Judge John Carassas

ST. PETERSBURG – ST. PETERSBURG JUDICIAL BUILDING

Section 39	Judge Lorraine Kelly
Section 40	Judge Edwin Jagger

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

CLEARWATER – CLEARWATER HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Section 47	Judge Susan Bedinghaus
Section 48	Judge John Carassas

ST. PETERSBURG – ST. PETERSBURG JUDICIAL BUILDING

Section 45
Section 46

Judge Lorraine Kelly
Judge Edwin Jagger

TRAFFIC COURT

PINELLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER –TRAFFIC COURT I

Sections 51 & 52

Judge Theodora C. Komminos

PINELLAS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER –TRAFFIC COURT II

South County Traffic I

Judge Dorothy Vaccaro

Effective May 1, 2026, Administrative Order 2024-055 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 20th day of April 2026.

Original Signed 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 Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County

The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff

Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator

Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator

Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District

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