

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-015 PA-CIR

**RE: CORRECTED<sup>1</sup> PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS –  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026**

**EAST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS**

<b>Sections 1, 2</b> 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
<b>Section 30</b> Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court	Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

**JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS**

<b>Sections 5, 28</b> All Juvenile Delinquency*	Judge Linda H. Babb
<b>Sections 6, 29</b> All Juvenile Dependency*	Judge Linda H. Babb
<b>Section 40</b> 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**

<b>Section A</b> Risk Protection Orders	Judge Linda Babb
Baker Act petitions and Marchman Act	Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Order 2026-015 was originally signed on May 15, 2026, but has not yet been filed with the Clerk of Court. This Corrected Administrative Order corrects a scrivener's error in the originally signed administrative order.

petitions assigned to this section only

**Section I**

Guardianship, Estates and all other Probate cases

Judge Linda Babb

**CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT SECTIONS**

**Section B**

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

Judge Alicia Polk

**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 Mark F. Robens

**Section C1**

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

Judge Knute Nathe

**Section C2**

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and  
stalking cases

Judge Dustin Anderson

**Section K**

50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Mark F. Robens

**Section L**

50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Knute Nathe

**Section M**

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

Judge Mark F. Robens

Child Support cases

**Section M1**

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

Judge Knute Nathe

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

Judge Mark F. Robens

**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, Fla. Stat.

Judge Knute Nathe

**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 Joshua Riba

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd  
and Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

**Section 31**

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

### JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS

**Sections 7, 9** Judge Lauralee G. Westine  
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

**Section X** Judge Jennifer Dubbeld  
Risk Protection Orders, Baker Act petitions and  
Marchman Act petitions assigned to this section only

**Sections J** Judge Dustin Anderson  
Guardianship, Estates and all other Probate cases

### CIVIL COURT SECTIONS

**Section G** Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd  
50% Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs  
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

**Section H** Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis  
50% Circuit Civil cases  
Writs of Habeas Corpus excluding Writs  
of Habeas Corpus pertaining to child custody

**Section J2** Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd  
50% Residential Foreclosures

**Section J3** Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis  
50% Residential Foreclosures

**Section J6** Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd  
50% Commercial Foreclosures

**Section J7**  
50% Commercial Foreclosures

Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

### **FAMILY COURT SECTIONS**

**Section E**  
50% Domestic Relations cases

Judge Nicole Pearlman

**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 Nicole Pearlman

**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 Nicole Pearlman

**Section Q2**  
50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

**Section Q3**  
Dating, repeat, and sexual violence  
and stalking cases

Judge Dustin Anderson

**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 Nicole Pearlman

**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

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

domestic relations or domestic violence)

**Section P**  
County Court Appeals

**Pasco Grand Jury Proceedings**  
Judge Mary M. Handsel

Effective June 1, 2026, Administrative Order 2025-048 is hereby rescinded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 18th day of May 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 Chris Nocco, Pasco County Sheriff  
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator  
Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator  
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District  
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