

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-027 PA-CIR

**RE: PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS –
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

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

Section A

Risk Protection Orders

Judge Linda Babb

Baker Act petitions and Marchman Act
petitions assigned to this section only

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

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 Child Support cases	Judge Mark F. Robens
Section M1 50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue Child Support cases	Judge Knute Nathe

Section DZ

Judge Mark F. Robens

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 EZ

Judge Knute Nathe

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

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

JUVENILE COURT SECTIONS

Sections 7, 9

All Juvenile Delinquency**

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

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
Treatment Court case

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

** 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

Risk Protection Orders, Baker Act petitions and
Marchman Act petitions assigned to this section only

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

Sections J

Guardianship, Estates and all other Probate cases

Judge Dustin Anderson

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 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 domestic relations or domestic violence) and Chapter 39 adoptions emanating from DCF termination of parental rights proceedings	Judge Lauralee G. Westine

Section P
County Court Appeals
Pasco Grand Jury Proceedings
Judge Mary M. Handsel

Effective immediately, Administrative Order 2026-015 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 24th day of June 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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