

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2.004/21-3
AMENDED

IN RE:

CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION
ASSIGNMENTS; OFFICIAL
HEADQUARTERS

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WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is charged by Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration with the responsibility of assigning judges to courts and divisions in the Circuit, and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to distribute the workload of the Circuit Court on an equitable and geographical basis;

WHEREAS, due to the appointment of County Judge James Morgan on November 1, 2021, criminal cases assigned to a circuit judge in the Middle Keys Division need to be reassigned;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

A. The Circuit Court caseload in the Middle Keys Criminal Division shall be assigned as follows:

1. All new cases filed shall be temporarily assigned to Judge James Morgan.
2. Judge James Morgan is the designated Drug Court Judge in the Middle Keys Division, and as such shall be assigned to all drug diversion cases, as well as drug offender probation cases.
3. Cases that are reopened due to a violation of probation charge shall be assigned to Judge James Morgan regardless of which judge originally sentenced the defendant to probation.
4. All pending cases assigned to Judge Mark H. Jones on November 1, 2021, shall be reassigned to Judge James Morgan, with the exception of specific cases that will be addressed in a separate administrative order.

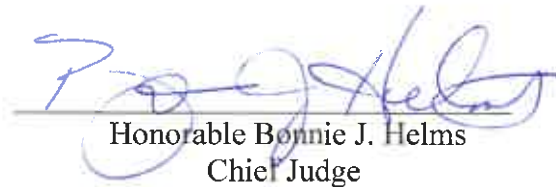
All new criminal cases shall be scheduled for arraignment on the basis of a felony arraignment calendar that will be published by the Court Administrator's Office. This calendar shall specify the date, time, location, and presiding judge. If the assigned presiding judge is unable to preside over a specific arraignment docket, a substitute judge may be assigned to preside over that docket by the Chief Judge.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to maintain a record of the number of active cases assigned to each judge in the Circuit Criminal Division. A monthly report shall be provided to the Chief Judge listing the number of Circuit Criminal Division new filings and active cases assigned to each judge, including cases which may be assigned to county court judges, senior judges, and other judges who may be assigned from other circuits. This report shall be provided no later than the 10th day of the following month and shall be copied to the Court Administrator's Office.

B. The Clerk is instructed to establish procedures to assure the distribution of cases as prescribed in Section A above.

C. With the exception of the Middle Keys Circuit Criminal Division assignment outlined in Section A above, all assignments and provisions in Administrative Order 2.004/21-2 *Circuit Court Division Assignments; Official Headquarters* entered on June 7, 2021, remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 19th day of October 2021.


Honorable Bonnie J. Helms
Chief Judge