

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL ORDER

**IN RE: REASSIGNMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP CASES
FROM SECTION 17 TO SECTIONS 18 AND 19**

WHEREAS, to promote judicial economy, maximize judicial resources, and provide for the prompt and efficient administration of justice in this Circuit, the Court has determined that it is necessary to reassign guardianship cases from Section 17 to Sections 18 and 19; and

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Polk County Clerk of the Circuit Court (“Clerk”) shall randomly reassign 50 percent of the open and reopened guardianship cases from Section 17 to Sections 18 and 19, with 25 percent of the cases being reassigned to each section.
2. The Clerk shall reassign the guardianship cases on or before October 5, 2026.
3. If a transferred case has a hearing scheduled to occur after the date of transfer, the hearing shall take place as scheduled before the judge covering Section 17.
4. This Order shall be effective upon signing.

DONE and **ORDERED** on this 2nd day of October 2026.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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