

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL ORDER

**AMENDING EXHIBITS C, E and F OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-1.68
“ASSIGNMENTS OF JUDGES JANUARY 5, 2026 THROUGH JULY 5, 2026”**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 1-1.68 provides for the assignments of judges from January 5, 2026, through July 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Bowman, Esquire, was recently appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the Circuit Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ellen Sly Masters; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Wells, Esquire, was recently appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to fill the Polk County Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert E. Griffin; and

WHEREAS, for the prompt and efficient administration of justice, it is necessary to amend Exhibits C, E and F; it is therefore

ORDERED and DIRECTED that, effective May 26, 2026, Exhibits C, E and F to Administrative Order No. 1-1.68 are hereby superseded by the attached amended Exhibits C, E and F.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 21st day of May 2026.

s/James A. Yancey, Chief Judge

Original: Polk County Clerk of Courts

Copies:
All Judges
Hardee County Clerk of Courts
Highlands County Clerk of Courts
Polk County Clerk of Courts
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EXHIBIT C

DUTY JUDGE SCHEDULES FOR POLK COUNTY JANUARY 5, 2026 THROUGH JULY 5, 2026

Except on Friday, regular workday duty shall begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 8:30 a.m. the following morning. Friday regular workday duty will conclude at 5:00 p.m. that day, at which time the weekend duty judge assignment will begin.

JANUARY

DENMARK 5	FRANKLIN 6	PATTEY 7	WILLIAMSON 8	HARB 9
GRAVITT 12	BUTZ 13	J. HILL 14	PINCKET 15	S. KAYLOR 16
HOLIDAY 19	A. KAYLOR 20	RAFOOL 21	MOORE 22	OJEDA 23
GIBSON 26	MASTERS 27	MCDANIEL 28	RAMIREZ 29	WATERS 30

FEBRUARY

SPOTO 2	STAMEY 3	SWENSON 4	FRANKLIN 5	SITES 6
WINSTEAD 9	YANCEY 10	G. HILL 11	ABDONEY 12	CARPANINI 13
COMBEE 16	MCDANIEL 17	WILLIAMSON 18	GIBSON 19	WINSTEAD 20
HARB 23	GRODE 24	G. HILL 25	J. HILL 26	A. KAYLOR 27

MARCH

YANCEY 2	PINCKET 3	MOORE 4	DENMARK 5	PATTEY 6
OJEDA 9	S. KAYLOR 10	SWENSON 11	RAMIREZ 12	SPOTO 13
BUTZ 16	RAFOOL 17	WATERS 18	GRODE 19	GRAVITT 20
SITES 23	CORBETT 24	STAMEY 25	ABDONEY 26	CARPANINI 27
COMBEE 30	DENMARK 31			

APRIL

		FRANKLIN 1	GIBSON 2	HOLIDAY 3
CORBETT 6	GRAVITT 7	GRODE 8	HARB 9	G. HILL 10
A. KAYLOR 13	J. HILL 14	S. KAYLOR 15	MCDANIEL 16	MOORE 17
OJEDA 20	PATTEY 21	PINCKET 22	RAFOOL 23	GIBSON 24
SITES 27	SPOTO 28	STAMEY 29	SWENSON 30	

MAY

				RAMIREZ 1
SWENSON 4	ABDONEY 5	CORBETT 6	FRANKLIN 7	BUTZ 8
CARPANINI 11	COMBEE 12	DENMARK 13	A. KAYLOR 14	WATERS 15
GRAVITT 18	GRODE 19	MCDANIEL 20	BUTZ 21	J. HILL 22
HOLIDAY 25	WINSTEAD 26	HARB 27	MOORE 28	G. HILL 29

JUNE/JULY

OJEDA 1	STAMEY 2	RAFOOL 3	RAMIREZ 4	SITES 5
BOWMAN 8	PATTEY 9	SWENSON 10	G. HILL 11	WILLIAMSON 12
ABDONEY 15	CORBETT 16	WATERS 17	CARPANINI 18	COMBEE 19
DENMARK 22	FRANKLIN 23	GIBSON 24	GRAVITT 25	GRODE 26
WELLS 29	G. HILL 30	J. HILL 1	MCDANIEL 2	HOLIDAY 3

EXHIBIT E
CALENDAR FOR CHAMBER HEARINGS
JANUARY 5, 2026 THROUGH JULY 5, 2026

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
01/80	JOHN C. WATERS POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Miranda Brooks (863) 534-4645; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J116, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	06	DAVID V. WARD HIGHLANDS FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Denise Delgado (863) 402-6901; (863) 402-6918 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring
02/80	WILLIAM D. SITES POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Wendy Watson (863) 534-4456; (863) 534-4495 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J147, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	07	REINALDO OJEDA POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kaley Lindsey (863) 534-6931; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J167, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
03	SUSAN L. BARBER ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE Hardee Civil, Family, Felony, Juvenile, Mental Health, and Probate Judicial Assistant: Kyndal Witt (863) 773-6547; (863) 773-3505 (fax) 417 W. Main St. Suite 327 Wauchula 33873 Monday – Friday, Wauchula (863) 534-6934; (863) 534-4024 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J166, Bartow 33831-9000	08	KEITH P. SPOTO POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Melissa Eldridge (863) 534-5862; (863) 534-5832 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J152, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
04	KELLY P. BUTZ POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Cynthia Marazzito (863) 534-6907; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J174, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	09/80	JULIE HILL POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Stephanie Lavoie (863) 534-4688; (863) 534-5832 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J158, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
05/80	Rachelle E. Williamson POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Jessica Witmer (863) 534-4088; (863) 534-4108 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J129, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	10	HEATHER BEATO ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE HIGHLANDS CIVIL DIVISION (VOP/COMP) Judicial Assistant: Cassie Cook (863) 402-6959; (863) 402-6977 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring

<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Judge</u>
12	<p>ANGELA J. COWDEN HIGHLANDS FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Anita Reiley (863) 402-6617; (863) 402-6620(fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>	30/31	<p>JAMES A. YANCEY CHIEF JUDGE APPEALS/WRITS/ADMINISTRATIVE/RISK PROTECTION Judicial Assistant: Juli Reublin (863) 534-4576; (863) 534-4626 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J146, Bartow 33831-9000</p>
13/80	<p>LORI A. WINSTEAD ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FAMILY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Mallory Freeman (863) 534-5820; (863) 534-2555 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J160, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J1	<p>SHARON M. FRANKLIN ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Amy Tolley (863) 534-4693; (863) 534-5824 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J173, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
14	<p>DANA Y. MOORE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK PROBATE DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Sharon Boggan (863) 534-5840; (863) 534-4373 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J141, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J2	<p>MICHAEL P. MCDANIEL POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DELINQUENCY) Judicial Assistant: Julie Duffey (863) 534-2505; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J134, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
15	<p>JENNIFER A. SWENSON ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK CIVIL DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Karen Starling (863) 534-4962; (863) 534-4689 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J162, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	J4	<p>MELISSA GRAVITT POLK JUVENILE DIVISION (DEPENDENCY) Judicial Assistant: Cheryl Starling (863) 534-4684; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J135, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>
F1	<p>BRANDON J. RAFOOL POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Julie Cochran (863) 534-6963; (863) 534-4454 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J115, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	JR	<p>PETER F. ESTRADA HIGHLANDS COUNTY Juvenile/Probate/ Guardianship-Mental Health/Risk Protection Judicial Assistant: Sierra Aguilera (863) 402-6994; (863) 402-6993 (fax) 430 South Commerce Avenue Sebring 33870 Monday – Friday, Sebring</p>
F2	<p>MARK F. CARPANINI POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Brinna Allbritton (863) 534-4149; (863) 534-7724 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J155, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>	F9	<p>J. KEVIN ABDONEY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE POLK FELONY DIVISION (Capital) Judicial Assistant: Cindy Stevens (863) 534-6961; (863) 534-4094 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J165, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow</p>

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F3	CASSANDRA L. DENMARK POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Breanna Dexter (863) 534-4653; (863) 534-4665 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J132, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow	TBD	TAYLOR BOWMAN TBD Judicial Assistant: Brittany Titus (863) 534-4890; (863) 534-2555 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J163, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow
F4	BRENDA P. RAMIREZ POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Janet Caudillo (863) 534-4366; (863) 534-5824 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J137, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow		Polk County Courthouse 255 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830 Clerk (863) 534-4000 Highlands County Courthouse 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 Clerk (863) 402-6564 County Judge (863) 402-6614; (863) 402-6930 (fax) Hardee County Courthouse 417 W. Main St., Wauchula, FL 33873 Clerk (863) 773-4174 County Judge (863) 773-3174; (863) 773-4165 (fax) Administrative Office of the Courts P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J102, Bartow, FL 33831-9000 (863) 534-4686; (863) 534-4699 (fax)
F5	CATHERINE L. COMBEE POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Keila Morales-Gonzalez (863) 534-4550; (863) 534-4098 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J164, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow		
F6	GERALD P. HILL, II POLK FELONY DIVISION Judicial Assistant: Kimberly Jenkins (863) 534-2522; (863) 534-7723 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J140, Bartow, FL 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow		
F7	JALAL A. HARB POLK FELONY DIVISION (VOP) Judicial Assistant: Cindy Sullivan (863) 534-4077; (863) 534-4495 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J109, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow		
F8/17	MICHELLE PINCKET POLK FELONY/PSC/COMP/MH DIVISIONS SPECIALTY COURTS ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE Judicial Assistant: Melanie Komorowski (863)534-6909; (863) 534-7783 (fax) P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J170, Bartow 33831-9000 Monday – Friday, Bartow		

EXHIBIT F
COUNTY COURT CALENDAR
JANUARY 5, 2026 THROUGH JULY 5, 2026

COUNTY JUDGE	JUDICIAL ASSISTANT/ADDRESS				
M0 Jordan Wells	Kayla Ruiz, Judicial Assistant				
County General Civil	Phone: (863) 534-2559; Fax (863) 534-4106 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J168, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW

L1 John B. Flynn	Jaime Crisafulli, Judicial Assistant				
County Court Lakeland Criminal Relief	Phone: (863) 603-6637; Fax (863) 682-4253 930 E. Parker St., Lakeland, FL 33801 Phone: (863) 534-4628 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J142, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	LKD	LKD	LKD	LKD	LKD

M2 Allison C. Kaylor	Verena Kelly, Judicial Assistant				
County Small Claims	Phone: (863) 534-6908; Fax: (863) 534-4454 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer 172 , Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW

W3 Kevin M. Kohl	Lisa Schrader, Judicial Assistant				
County Court Northeast Criminal Relief	Phone: (863) 401-2484 200 Government Center Blvd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850 Phone: (863) 534-4910 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J157, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

M4 Anne T. Gibson	Leslie Carroll, Judicial Assistant				
County Criminal	Phone: (863) 534-4649; Fax: (863) 534-4108 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J122, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW

COUNTY JUDGE	JUDICIAL ASSISTANT/ADDRESS				
M5 Stacie Kaylor County Criminal	Caitlyn Clyatt, Judicial Assistant Phone: (863) 534-7704; Fax: (863) 534-4094 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J118, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW
M6 David E. Stamey, Jr. County Criminal	Amanda Leatherwood, Judicial Assistant Phone: (863) 534-7769; Fax: (863) 534-7722 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J136, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW
M7 Bob Grode County Criminal	Angela Jones, Judicial Assistant Phone: (863) 534-4643; Fax: (863) 534-7721 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J101, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW
M8 Hope M. Pattey County Administrative Judge Simplified DOM/PSC/Evictions	Jessica Hooks, Judicial Assistant Phone: (863) 534-4650; Fax: (863) 534-4689 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J171, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW
M9 Sarah E. Corbett County General Civil	Jessica Faustino, Judicial Assistant Phone: (863) 534-2566; Fax: (863) 534-4106 P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J131, Bartow, FL 33831-9000				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW	BTW
David N. Horton Hardee County Court/RJ	Leslie Forrester, Judicial Assistant Hardee County Courthouse Phone: (863) 773-3174; Fax: (863) 773-4165 417 West Main St., Suite 335, Wauchula, FL 33873				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	Wauchula				

Exhibit: F 1-1.68

Amended 5/21/2026 (Effective 5/26/2026)

COUNTY JUDGE	JUDICIAL ASSISTANT/ADDRESS				
Anthony L. Ritenour Highlands County Court	Jessica LeConey, Judicial Assistant Highlands County Courthouse Phone: (863) 402-6614; Fax: (863) 402-6930 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
	Sebring				

Lakeland Branch Courthouse:	Judge's Office: (863) 603-6637; Clerk: (863) 534-4000 930 East Parker St. Lakeland, FL 33801
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Northeast Government Center:	Judge's Office: (863) 401-2484; Clerk: (863) 534-4000 200 Government Center Blvd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850
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