

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT ORDER

Pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.050(b) and Administrative Order 2.5, and in anticipation of the appointment of a new circuit judge who will take office on May 1, 2003, and in accordance with this Court's duties, responsibilities and obligations as provided by the authorities cited above, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. There is created a new Geographic and Case Division to be entitled the "Probate/Guardianship Division." The division is to be split between Lee and Charlotte Counties and the Honorable Lynn Gerald, Jr. will initially be assigned to this new division. By separate memorandum from this Court, the Clerks of Court for Lee and Charlotte Counties will be directed to make the appropriate reassignments to effectuate this change. This division shall also serve as a backup trial judge in Lee County at the direction of the Administrative Judge.

2. There is created in Lee County a new full-time felony assignment, to be entitled "Division F." The new Division F judge will initially be the Honorable James R. Thompson. By separate memorandum from the Administrative Judge for Lee County, the Clerk will be directed to make the appropriate reassignments of felony caseloads so as to equitably split workloads as between the circuit judges in Divisions D, E and F.

3. The family division assignment presently held by Judge Thompson will be assumed by the Honorable Sherra Winesett, and the Administrative Judge of Lee County shall by memorandum direct the Clerk to make the appropriate changes as may be necessary to effectuate that change.

4. Pursuant to Section III.H. of Administrative Order 2.5, the dockets currently held by Judges Isaac Anderson and Margaret O. Steinbeck will be switched. This change will be effected by separate memorandum from this Court.

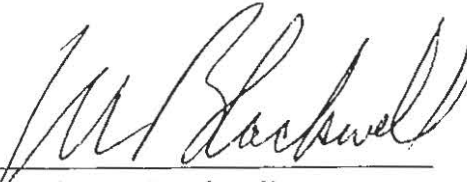
5. The new circuit judge scheduled to take office on May 1, 2003 will be assigned to serve in Collier County as directed by Administrative Judge Ted Brousseau in consultation with Chief Judge-Elect Hugh D. Hayes until July 1, 2003, and thereafter as provided by Judge Hayes.

6. Outgoing Chief Judge Blackwell will assume the felony division in Charlotte County. The Clerk will make the appropriate changes as may be necessary to effectuate that assumption of duties.

7. The docket of Administrative Judge R. Thomas Corbin in Lee County will now consist of 50% juvenile delinquency cases and as a backup trial judge for both the civil and criminal divisions.

This order becomes effective May 5, 2003 and will remain in effect until further order of the Court. The Court will enter such further orders as are necessary to effectuate the purposes and intent of this order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida this 28th day of March, 2003.



William L. Blackwell
Chief Judge

cc: All Circuit and County Court Judges
Charlie Green, Lee County Clerk of Courts
Dwight E. Brock, Collier County Clerk of Courts
Barbara T. Scott, Charlotte County Clerk of Court

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LEE

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This 28 Day of MARCH 2003 Record in CIRCUIT COURT

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CHARLIE GREEN
Clerk Circuit Court

By W. Sanchez
Deputy Clerk

I certify this document is a true and correct copy original on file in my office. Charlie Green, Clerk Circuit Court, Lee County, Florida
Dated: 3/28/03
By W. Sanchez
Deputy Clerk