

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-048 PA-CIR

**RE: PASCO CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS – EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 5, 2026**

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 Nicole Pearlman

Section C2
Dating, repeat, and sexual violence and
stalking cases

TBD

Section K
50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Mark F. Robens

Section L
50% Domestic relations cases

Judge Nicole Pearlman

Section M
50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue

Judge Mark F. Robens

Child Support cases

Section M1

50% U.I.F.S.A., Department of Revenue
Child Support cases

Judge Nicole Pearlman

Section DZ

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.

Judge Mark F. Robens

Section EZ

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.

Judge Nicole Pearlman

Section UF

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 Linda H. Babb

WEST PASCO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

CRIMINAL COURT SECTIONS

Section 3

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

Judge Mary M. Handsel

Section 4

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

Judge Joshua Riba

Criminal jury trials, as needed

Judge Kimberly Sharpe Byrd
and Judge Kemba Johnson Lewis

Section 31
Adult Drug Court, Veterans Court

Judge Jennifer Dubbeld

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

TBD

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 Dustin Anderson

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 Dustin Anderson

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 Dustin Anderson

Section Q2

50% Domestic violence cases

Judge Daniel D. Diskey

Section Q3

Dating, repeat, and sexual violence
and stalking cases

TBD

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 Dustin Anderson

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)

Judge Lauralee G. Westine

Section P
County Court Appeals

Pasco Grand Jury Proceedings
Judge Mary M. Handsel

Effective January 5, 2026, Administrative Order 2025-028 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of December 2025.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON DECEMBER 18, 2025
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
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel, Second District
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