

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY,
FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
24-29-S AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 24-29-S

**IN RE: MAGISTRATES - DELINEATION OF MATTERS TO BE REFERRED TO GENERAL
MAGISTRATE ASSIGNED TO THE CIVIL DIVISION**

WHEREAS under Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.215, the Chief Judge is authorized to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all Courts within the Circuit, to include establishing an administrative organization capable of effecting the prompt disposition of cases; and

WHEREAS the Court has determined that the appointment of General Magistrates is integral to the effectiveness of such a plan; and

WHEREAS it has become necessary to provide a formal procedure to obtain the consent of the parties for a matter to be appropriately referred to the General Magistrate pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.490(c);

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida under Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.215, it is hereby ordered that General Magistrate Kristina L. Paulter, for Seminole County, is authorized pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.490 and 1.491, Florida Statutes, and any other rule or statutory provision authoring the appointment of a General Magistrate, to hear matters as set forth herein.

In her capacity as a General Magistrate, Kristina L. Paulter, shall:

1. Upon referral of a Circuit or County Judge, perform the duties required in accordance with the above cited rules and statutes and any other rule or statutory provision authorizing the appointment of a General Magistrate, and in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.
2. The General Magistrate shall not be referred and shall not hear jury trials.

3. Any party that does NOT consent to a matter being heard by a General Magistrate after an Order of Referral has been entered MUST file a written objection to the referral within 10 days of the time of service of the Order of Referral. However, if the time set for the hearing with the General Magistrate upon the matter being heard is less than 10 days after service of process of the initial pleading, the time to file an objection is extended to the time within which a responsive pleading is due. The failure to file a written objection within the applicable time period is deemed to be a consent to the referral.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED this 27th day of August 2024.

CHARLIE CRAWFORD
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CHIEF JUDGE

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