

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
25-03-B 3RD AMENDED
SUPERSEDES 25-03-B 2ND AMENDED

**IN RE: JUDGES – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE AARON J.
PEACOCK TO HANDLE CIRCUIT FELONY CRIMINAL CASES**

In order to maximize the efficient administration of justice and judicial labor in Brevard County in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, and to ensure timely and prompt disposition of circuit felony criminal matters, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is thereupon, ORDERED:

1. The Honorable Aaron J. Peacock, a qualified county court judge in Brevard County, is hereby temporarily assigned to supplement and aid the circuit judges in Brevard County by hearing, conducting, and determining all matters in circuit felony criminal division cases in Brevard County.
2. This cross-assignment to the circuit felony criminal division is to aid and assist this specific division in Brevard County on a temporary basis only. This assignment is for sixty (60) days in duration. Crusoe v. Rowls, 472 So. 2d 1163, n. 2 (Fla. 1985); Wild v. Dozier, 672 So. 2d 16 (Fla. 1996). Judge Peacock will preside over this circuit felony criminal division at the Moore Justice Center in Viera.
3. The service of this county court judge in the circuit court is restricted to a specific, limited class of cases; specifically, only one-sixth of the pending cases in the circuit felony criminal division.
4. This assignment is necessary to provide additional judicial resources to promptly hear and dispose of circuit felony criminal matters. The purpose of this temporary assignment is to assist and supplement, not to be a permanent assignment that usurps, supplants, or replaces a circuit judge in the circuit felony criminal division in Brevard County.

5. When conducting circuit court felony criminal division matters, the county court judge assigned in this Order shall have all powers and authority of a circuit judge in every respect. This authority includes but is not limited to, the issuing of orders in the circuit court so assigned, as deemed necessary and appropriate. However, no capital cases in which the State is seeking the death penalty shall be assigned to Judge Peacock. If the State files a Notice to Seek the Death Penalty within forty-five (45) days of arraignment, pursuant to Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.181, the Clerk of the Court shall reassign the case to the next circuit judge on the rotation list. The case shall be reassigned promptly after the filing of the Notice.
6. This Order shall be in effect for a period of sixty days from that date of its rendition.

DONE and ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2025.

MELANIE CHASE
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CHIEF JUDGE

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