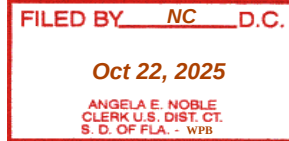


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-78

IN RE: DUTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT  
SCHEDULE, FORT LAUDERDALE



Pursuant to the Court's Internal Operating Procedures, IOP 8.00.00 entitled "Duty Judge," the following is the schedule for January 2026 through December 2026, as to the Duty Judge for Fort Lauderdale:

**MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS:**

|           |      |                               |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------|
| January   | 2026 | Judge Melissa Damian          |
| February  | 2026 | Judge William P. Dimitrouleas |
| March     | 2026 | Judge Rodney Smith            |
| April     | 2026 | Judge Raag Singhal            |
| May       | 2026 | Judge David S. Leibowitz      |
| June      | 2026 | Judge Melissa Damian          |
| July      | 2026 | Judge William P. Dimitrouleas |
| August    | 2026 | Judge Rodney Smith            |
| September | 2026 | Judge Raag Singhal            |
| October   | 2026 | Judge David S. Leibowitz      |
| November  | 2026 | Judge Melissa Damian          |
| December  | 2026 | Judge William P. Dimitrouleas |

The Duty Judge should be present in the District and available for handling Duty Judge matters at all times during the month assigned. If it is necessary for the Duty Judge to be out of the District for a short period of time during the assignment month, it is the Duty Judge's responsibility to make arrangements with another Judge to handle all Duty Judge matters arising during the brief absence and to notify the Chief Judge and Clerk of Court.

The Duty Judge's functions are consistent with the Court's Internal Operating Procedures, IOP 8.01.00.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2025.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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