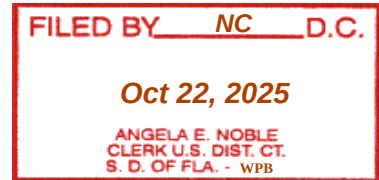


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-79

**IN RE: DUTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE
WEST PALM BEACH AND FORT PIERCE**



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 West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce:

WEST PALM BEACH ASSIGNMENTS:

January	2026	Judge Ed Artau
February	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
March	2026	Judge Ed Artau
April	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
May	2026	Judge Ed Artau
June	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
July	2026	Judge Ed Artau
August	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
September	2026	Judge Ed Artau
October	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
November	2026	Judge Ed Artau
December	2026	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks

FORT PIERCE ASSIGNMENTS:

January-December	2026	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
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Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks or Judge Ed Artau will serve as the back-up Fort Pierce Duty Judge in the event Judge Aileen M. Cannon is unavailable.

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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