UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-101

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IN RE: DUTY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE FOR WEST PALM BEACH AND FORT PIERCE
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Pursuant to the Court's Internal Operating Procedures, IOP 8.00.00 entitled "Duty Judge," the following is the schedule for January 2027 through December 2027, for the Duty Judge for West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce:

WEST PALM BEACH ASSIGNMENTS:

January	2027	Judge Ed Artau
February	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
March	2027	Judge Ed Artau
April	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
May	2027	Judge Ed Artau
June	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
July	2027	Judge Ed Artau
August	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
September	2027	Judge Ed Artau
October	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks
November	2027	Judge Ed Artau
December	2027	Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks

FORT PIERCE ASSIGNMENTS:

January	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
February	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz
March	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
April	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz
May	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
June	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz
July	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
August	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz
September	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
October	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz
November	2027	Judge Aileen M. Cannon
December	2027	Judge David S. Leibowitz

Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks and Judge Ed Artau will serve as back-up Fort Pierce Duty Judges.

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 28th day of October, 2026.

Cecilia M. Altonaga

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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