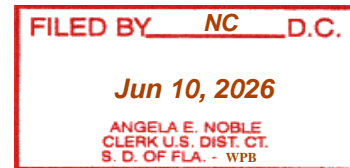


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-46

**IN RE:
APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE
PATRICK M. HUNT AS CHIEF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**



According to the Court's Internal Operating Procedures, Section 4.02.00, the District Judges may select one full-time Magistrate Judge to serve as the Chief Magistrate Judge performing administrative functions. In March 1994, the Court established a schedule to rotate the position of Chief Magistrate Judge based on seniority. The term of Chief Magistrate Judge William Matthewman will expire upon his retirement effective July 31, 2026. Magistrate Judge Patrick M. Hunt is next in line of seniority. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that effective July 31, 2026, Magistrate Judge Patrick M. Hunt is appointed Chief Magistrate Judge. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Hunt's appointment as Chief Magistrate Judge shall be effective for a three-year term.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 10th day of June, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia M. Altonaga".

**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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