

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

**IN RE: BENCH ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGES IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF POLK COUNTY FOR 2024**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-17

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for calendar year 2024, District Court Judges of Judicial Election District 5C are assigned to Polk County benches as follows in accordance with the attached Rotation Schedule attached as Exhibit A.

<u>CRIMINAL BENCH:</u>	Sarah Crane	FEL 1	Room 210
	David Nelmark	FEL 2 Trials	Room 310
	Celene Gogerty	FEL 3 Trials	Room 410
	Scott J. Beattie	FEL 4	Room 220

<u>FAMILY LAW BENCH:</u>	Joseph W. Seidlin	FAM 1	Room 140
	Patrick Smith	FAM 2	Room 130
	David M. Porter	FAM 3	Room 120

The Family Law Bench shall, to the extent possible, preside over all dissolution and modification proceedings, annulments, paternity actions, child support recovery proceedings, Civil domestic abuse, elder abuse and sexual abuse proceedings, child custody, private termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings excluding Chapter 232 proceedings where the petitioner is the Department of Human Services, a Juvenile Court Officer or the County Attorney. The judicial responsibility and workload of these three judges shall be fairly divided between them so that the needs of litigants and their attorneys are well served.

In order to provide a predictable schedule for the public and the family law bar, Court Administration and the judges assigned to family law shall schedule matters in accordance with the master calendar attached as Exhibit B.

In order to distribute the caseload equally, the Polk County Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the three family law dockets pursuant to the matrix attached as Exhibit C.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION DRUG COURT: For 2024, Judge Jeffrey Farrell is assigned to Intensive Supervision Drug Court which shall be held in Courtroom 350.

GENERAL TRIAL BENCH:

Coleman McAllister, Room 250
Heather Lauber, Room 340
Jeanie K. Vaudt, Room 320
Jeffrey Farrell, Room 350
Lawrence McLellan, Room 220

Michael D. Huppert, Room 310
Paul D. Scott (*jury judge*), Room 260
Robert Hanson, Room 230
Samantha Gronewald, Room 330
Scott D. Rosenberg, Room 210

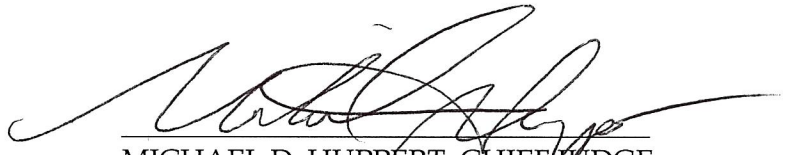
The courtroom assignments of judges in future years shall be made under the seniority courtroom selection protocol.

Judge assignments in future years shall be made pursuant to the assignment grid attached hereto as Exhibit A. This grid shall remain in effect until modified by Administrative Order of the Chief Judge.

Exhibits A, B and C are hereby incorporated in this Administrative Order by reference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Judge not occupied with a matter in his/her assigned division, shall be available to handle any other matter in any division and any Judicial Election District within the Fifth Judicial District.

DATED this 29th day of September 2023.



MICHAEL D. HUPPERT, CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

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POLK COUNTY, IA.
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Fifth Judicial District-District Judge Rotation Schedule for Polk County - Exhibit "A" Administrative Order 2023-17

Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040
FEL 1	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	4
General Trial #1	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4
General Trial #2	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10
Family Law #1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1
FEL 3	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2
General Trial #3	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6
General Trial #4	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16
FEL 4	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13
General Trial #5	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15
General Trial #6	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14
Family Law #2	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3
General Trial #7	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11
General Trial #8	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9
FEL 2	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17
General Trial #9	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5
General Trial #10	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12
Family Law #3	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7

1. Gogerty	6. Rosenberg	11. Scott	16. Beattie
2. McLellan	7. Crane	12. Porter	17. Lauber
3. Gronewald	8. Farrell	13. Huppert	
4. McAllister	9. Nelmark	14. P. Smith	
5. Vaudt	10. Seidlin	15. Hanson	

2023-17 EXHIBIT "B"

		FAM. LAW #1	FAM. LAW #2	FAM. LAW #3
MONDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
TUESDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	CSRU	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11		Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12			
	130 – 230	2 nd Round DAs	CSRU	2 nd Round DAs
	230 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)		
WEDNESDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 230	VNCOs	VNCOs	VNCOs
	230 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
THURSDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
FRIDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	PTCs	PTCs	PTCs
	11 – 12	PTCs	PTCs	PTCs
	130 – 430	Pro Se PTCs	Pro Se PTCs	Pro Se PTCs

2023-17 EXHIBIT "C"

NUMBERED ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL FAMILY CASES (CDCD, CN, DADA, DRCV, EAEA, SASA, USUS):

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00

	FAM. LAW #1 - THIRTY -FOUR (34)
	FAM. LAW #2 - THIRTY -THREE (33)
	FAM. LAW #3 - THIRTY -THREE (33)

WORK LOAD DISTRIBUTION

- Each Courtroom has six (6) hours of time slots/ day.
- Over the course of a week that equates to thirty (30) hours of Courtroom time.

	FAM. LAW #1	FAM. LAW #2	FAM. LAW #3	TOTAL
2 ND ROUND DAS	5	5	8	18
HEARINGS (NON - DAS)	16	16	16	48
CSRU	3	3	0	6
VNCOS	1	1	1	3
PTCs	2	2	2	6
PRO SE PTCs	3	3	3	9
TOTAL	30	30	30	90