

**RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-01**

**Assignments of Judicial Officers and
Live Streaming of All Public Remote Hearings and Trials.**

A. Effective September 16, 2024, judicial officers are assigned to the following calendars.

CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL B. FORTE

- To assist on all calendars as permitted by administrative duties.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE LAUREEN D'AMBRA

- To the Child Welfare Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DEBRA E. DISEGNA

- To the Domestic Relations Calendar and to hear all trials on the Juvenile Justice and the Child Welfare Calendars in Kent County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE KAREN LYNCH BERNARD

- To the Domestic Relations, the Miscellaneous, the Juvenile Justice, and the Child Welfare Calendars in Washington County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PATRICIA K. ASQUITH

- To the Miscellaneous Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SANDRA LANNI

- To assist on the Domestic Relations Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE LIA N. STUHLSTAZ

- To assist on the Child Welfare Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FEIDLIM E. GILL

- To the Domestic Relations, Miscellaneous, Juvenile Justice, and Child Welfare Calendars in Newport County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE RICHARD A. MEROLA

- To assist on the Domestic Relations Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ELIZABETH ORTIZ

- To assist on the Domestic Relations, the Miscellaneous, the Juvenile Justice, and the Child Welfare Calendars in Washington County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SHILPA NAIK

- To the Juvenile Justice Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JEANINE P. MCCONAGHY

- To assist on the Child Welfare calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

GENERAL MAGISTRATE DANIEL V. BALLIRANO

- To assist on the Domestic Relations Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE JEANNE L. SHEPARD

- To oversee the Child Support Calendars in Newport and Washington Counties.

MAGISTRATE ANGELA M. BUCCI

- To assist on the Diversionary Truancy Calendars and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE EDWARD H. NEWMAN

- To assist on the Child Support Calendar in Providence County.

MAGISTRATE PAUL T. JONES, JR.

- To oversee the Child Support Calendar in Kent County.

MAGISTRATE ANDREA M. IANNAZZI

- To oversee the Restraining Order Calendar in Kent County, to assist on the Domestic Relations and Miscellaneous Calendars in Kent County, to assist with preliminary matters on the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Calendars in Kent County, and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE ALBERTO APONTE CARDONA

- To assist on the Diversionary Truancy and the Immigration Calendar and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE DENISE CASSISI FINKELMAN

- To assist on the Domestic Relations and Miscellaneous Calendars in Kent County, to assist with preliminary matters on the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Calendars in Kent County, and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE RONALD F. CASCIONE

- To assist on the Diversionary Truancy Calendars and to assist elsewhere as needed.

MAGISTRATE SUSAN NAHABEDIAN

- To assist on the Child Support Calendar in Providence County.

MAGISTRATE SAMANTHA S. POLISENA

- To oversee the Restraining Order Calendar in Providence County and to assist elsewhere as needed.

B. Effective September 16, 2024, all public hearings and trials conducted remotely (i.e., those not listed in R.I. Gen. Laws § 14-1-5 and any other matter requiring confidentiality to protect the interests of minors) shall not go forward unless the proceeding is made accessible to the public through the Judicial Live Stream which can be found at the judiciary's website, www.courts.ri.gov.

C. This Administrative Order vacates Administrative Order 2023-03 and any provision in any other prior Administrative Order inconsistent with the provisions in this order.

Date: June 24, 2024

/s/ _____
Honorable Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge of the Family Court