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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-12

APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
CHAD M. LONG AS CHAIR OF FAMILY  
LAW COMMITTEE

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On September 25, 2026, at a meeting of the Circuit and Associate Judges of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, the undersigned announced my resignation as Chair of the Family Law Committee.

I hereby appoint Associate Judge Chad M. Long as Chair of the Family Law Committee, effective immediately.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026.

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Heidi A. Benson, Chief Judge  
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cc: Hon. Chad M. Long, Associate Judge