

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERIOR JUDGE

ASSIGNMENT AND DESIGNATION

No. 13-2021

Pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 73, Supreme Court Administrative Order Nos. 12, 13, and 18, I hereby assign the following named Superior Judges to the Superior Courts as indicated below, subject to the approval of the Vermont Supreme Court:

**Superior Judge Rotation Schedule  
September 7, 2021 through September 5, 2022**

**Superior Judge Assignments**

<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>9/7/2021- 9/5/2022</b>	<b>Back Up Assignments</b>
<b>East Division</b>		
Orange Family, Criminal, Civil; Orange and Windsor Units Presiding	Thomas Zonay	Rutland Unit
Windham Family	Elizabeth Mann	Windsor Unit
Windham Criminal	Michael Kainen	Windsor Unit
Windham Civil, Unit Presiding	Kate Hayes	Windsor Unit
Windsor Family	VACANCY (Teachout)	
Windsor Criminal	John Treadwell	Windham Unit
Windsor Civil	Robert Gerety	Windham Unit
<b>West Division</b>		
Addison Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Thomas Carlson	Chittenden Unit
Bennington Family	Kerry McDonald-Cady	
Bennington Criminal, Unit Presiding	Cortland Corsones	Rutland Unit
Bennington Civil	John Valente	Rutland & Addison Units
Chittenden Family/Criminal, (Crim) (6 possible positions)*	Alison Arms	Addison Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal, Unit Presiding (Chins)	Kirstin Schoonover	Washington Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal (Crim)	A. Gregory Rainville	Orleans Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal (Crim)	John Pacht	Addison, Rutland Units
Chittenden/Franklin Split*	VACANCY (VanB)	
Chittenden Family/Juvenile (DEL)	Megan Shafritz	Lamoille Unit
Chittenden Civil	Samuel Hoar	Rutland Unit
Rutland Family	VACANCY (COHEN)	
Rutland Criminal, Unit Presiding	David Fenster	Chittenden Unit
Rutland Civil	Helen Toor	Chittenden Unit
Southwestern Float (Chitt-Addison-Rutland)	Nancy Waples	Lamoille Unit

\*Shared Between Chittenden and Franklin

## Northern Division

Caledonia/Essex Family, Criminal Presiding	Robert Bent	Washington Unit
Caledonia/Orleans/Essex Juvenile and RFA	Thomas Devine	Chittenden Unit
Northeastern Float Caledonia/Orleans/Essex/Lamoille Civil	Timothy Tomasi	Washington Unit
Franklin Civil/Grand Isle Family, Criminal, Civil	David Barra	Rutland Unit
Franklin Family/Criminal Presiding	Mary Morrissey	Washington Unit
Franklin Family/Criminal	Martin Maley	Chittenden Unit
Franklin Chittenden Split*	VACANCY (VanB)	
Lamoille Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Michael Harris	Caledonia Unit
Orleans Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Lisa Warren	Windsor Unit
Washington Family	Scot Kline	Franklin Unit
Washington Criminal	Kevin Griffin	Caledonia/Essex/Orleans Units
Washington Civil, Unit Presiding	Robert Mello	Franklin/Grand Isle Units

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## Environmental Division

Statewide Jurisdiction	Thomas Durkin (P)	Windham Unit Civil Division
Statewide Jurisdiction	Thomas Walsh	Chittenden Unit Civil Division

### Judicial Resources within Units:

The Presiding Judge for each county unit shall determine the allocation of judicial resources between civil, criminal, and family divisions within the unit. The presiding judge may specially assign a superior judge assigned to one division in the unit to preside over cases in a different division. Where there is a single presiding judge for multiple units e.g. Caledonia/Essex, Franklin/Grand Isle, the presiding judge shall determine the appropriate allocation of judicial resources between the two units.


### Shared Resources Between Units:

1. The second judge assigned to the Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans units shall preside over the juvenile and relief from abuse dockets in the three counties.
2. A judge from the Chittenden unit shall be assigned one day a week to the Addison unit.
3. The judge assigned as the Northeast float will preside over the civil divisions of the Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, and Lamoille units.
4. The judge assigned as the Southwest float will provide coverage in Rutland Criminal division (including the treatment docket) two days a week, the Addison unit one day a week, and two days a week to the Chittenden Criminal/Family division.

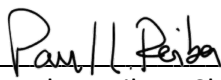
### Anticipated resources among Units:

A vacancy in Rutland (the Cohen seat) is currently before the Governor and with the retirement of Judge VanBenthuyzen and Judge Teachout there will be two more vacancies. The filling of those vacancies could impact the above assignment schedule and result in changes between and within units.

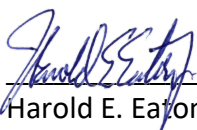
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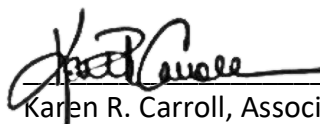
  
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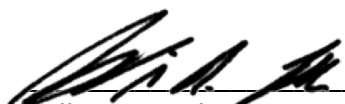
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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

  
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Beth Robinson, Associate Justice

  
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Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

  
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Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

  
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William D. Cohen, Associate Justice