

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERIOR JUDGE

ASSIGNMENT AND DESIGNATION

No. 17-2020

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 8, 2020 through September 6, 2021**

**Superior Judge Assignments**

<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>9/8/2020 - 9/6/2021</b>	<b>Back Up Assignments</b>
<b>East Division</b>		
Orange Family, Criminal, Civil; Orange and Windsor Units Presiding	Thomas Zonay	
Windham Family, Unit	Michael Kainen	
Windham Criminal, Unit Presiding	John Treadwell	
Windham Civil	Kate Hayes	
Windsor Family	Lisa Warren	
Windsor Criminal	Elizabeth Mann	
Windsor Civil	Robert Gerety	
<b>West Division</b>		
Addison Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Thomas Carlson	
Bennington Family	Kerry McDonald-Cady	
Bennington Criminal, Unit Presiding	Cortland Corsones	
Bennington Civil	John Valente	
Chittenden Family/Criminal (6 possible assignments*) (Crim)	Alison Arms	
Chittenden Family/Criminal, Presiding (Crim)	Martin Maley	
Chittenden Family/Criminal (Crim)	Kirstin Schoonover	
Chittenden Family/Criminal (Fam)	Pending Rutland Vac	
Chittenden Family/Criminal (CHINS) Presiding	Thomas Devine	
Chittenden Family/Juvenile (DEL)	Megan Shafritz	
Chittenden Civil	Samuel Hoar, Jr.	
Rutland Family	David Barra	
Rutland Criminal, Unit Presiding	David Fenster	
Rutland Civil	Helen Toor	
Southwestern Float (Chitt-Addison-Rutland)	John Pacht	

\*1 Position TBD Shared Between Chittenden and Franklin

## Northern Division

Civil (Northeast Float); Presiding	Mary Teachout	
Caledonia/Orleans/Essex Juvenile and RFA	Kevin Griffin	
Caledonia Criminal Family	Michael Harris	
Franklin Civil/Grand Isle Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Robert Mello	
Franklin Family/Criminal (Criminal)	Howard VanBenthuisen	
Franklin Family/Criminal (Family)	Scot Kline	
Franklin Chittenden Split	Pending Rutland Vac	
Lamoille Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Nancy Waples	
Orleans Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	A. Gregory Rainville	
Washington Family, Unit Presiding	Timothy Tomasi	
Washington Criminal	Mary Morrissey	
Washington Civil	Robert Bent	
Rutland	VACANT	

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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 Vermont Supreme Court's Ramping Up Report identifies the juvenile docket and criminal cases involving the incarcerated population as having a priority over other dockets. Consistent with that directive, the presiding judge, with the assistance of the Chief Superior 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. The Northeast Floating judge shall be assigned to the Civil Division in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, and Addison counties.
3. The Southwest Floating Judge shall be assigned to the Criminal Division in Rutland County, and to Chittenden Criminal/Family Division which includes the one day a week assignment to Addison.

### Anticipated resources among Units:

There is a currently a vacancy in the Rutland region due to the appointment of Justice Cohen to the Supreme Court. Assignments between and within units could be altered upon the filling of that vacancy.

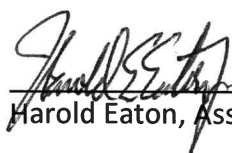
DATED at Montpelier, County of Washington and State of Vermont, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

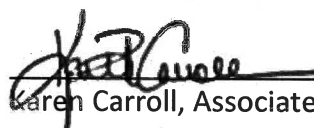
  
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Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

  
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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

  
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Beth Robinson, Associate Justice

  
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Harold Eaton, Associate Justice

  
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Karen Carroll, Associate Justice

  
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William Cohen, Associate Justice