

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT

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ASSIGNMENT AND DESIGNATION

No. 25-2018

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 4, 2018 through September 2, 2019**

**Superior Judge Assignments**

<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>9/4/18 - 9/2/19</b>	<b>Back Up Assignments</b>
<b>East Division</b>		
Orange Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Michael Harris	Franklin and Grand Isle Units
Windham Family, Unit Presiding	Kate Hayes (P)	Windsor Unit
Windham Criminal	John Treadwell	
Windham Civil	Robert Gerety	Windsor Unit
Windsor Family	Elizabeth Mann	Caledonia & Essex Units
Windsor Criminal, Unit Presiding	Timothy Tomasi (P)	Orange & Washington Units
Windsor Civil	Michael Kainen	Windham Unit
<b>West Division</b>		
Addison Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Alison Arms (P)	Chittenden Unit
Bennington Family	John Valente	Rutland & Addison Units
Bennington Criminal, Unit Presiding	William Cohen (P)	Rutland & Windham Units
Bennington Civil	David Barra	
Chittenden Family/Criminal (6 possible assignments) *	Kevin Griffin (P)	Washington Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal	Martin Maley	Franklin & Grand Isle Units
Chittenden Family/Criminal	John Pacht	Washington Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal	Nancy Waples	Addison Unit
Chittenden Family/Criminal	David Fenster	
Chittenden Family/Juvenile	Thomas Devine	Caledonia/Essex Units
Chittenden Civil	Helen Toor	Addison Unit
Rutland Family	Cortland Corsones (P)	Addison and Bennington Units
Rutland Criminal, Unit Presiding	Thomas Zonay	Washington Unit
Rutland Civil	Samuel Hoar, Jr.	Addison Unit
Southwestern Float	Vacant	

\*1 Position TBD Shared Between Chittenden and Franklin

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## Northern Division

Caledonia/Essex Family, Criminal, Civil;	Robert Bent	Orleans Unit
Caledonia/Orleans/Essex Juvenile and RFA	Howard VanBenthuyzen	Washington Unit
Franklin Civil/Grand Isle Family, Criminal, Civil	Robert Mello (P)	Chittenden Unit
Franklin Family/Criminal	A. Gregory Rainville	Orleans Unit
Franklin Family/Criminal	Thomas Carlson	Lamoille Unit
Franklin Family/Criminal*	TBD*	
Lamoille Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Megan Shafritz (P)	Franklin & Grand Isle Units
Orleans Family, Criminal, Civil, Unit Presiding	Scot Kline (P)	Caledonia & Essex Units
Washington Family	Kirstin Schoonover	Chittenden Family/Criminal
Washington Criminal	Mary Morrissey	Franklin Unit
Washington Civil	Mary Teachout (P)	Windsor & Lamoille Units
Northeastern Float (Caledonia-Windsor-Windham)	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 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. The Chittenden unit and Franklin unit shall share a judge on a schedule to be determined by the Clerks with the assistance of the Chief Superior Judge.
3. A judge from the Chittenden unit shall be assigned one day a week to the Addison unit.
4. The judge assigned to the Washington civil division shall be assigned 12 judge days per year to the Lamoille unit.
5. The Franklin unit shall provide 2 days a month to the Orleans unit.

### Anticipated resources among Units:

There are two vacancies as of May 2018, and as those vacancies are filled, assignments between and within units may change.

DATED at Montpelier, County of Washington and State of Vermont, this 15 day of May 2018.

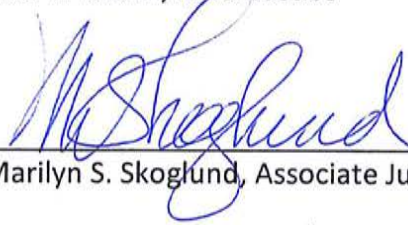


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Approved this 15 day of MAY, 2018.



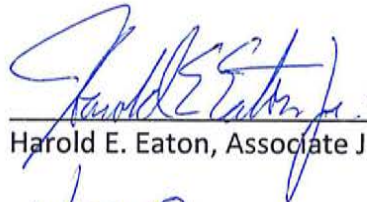
Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



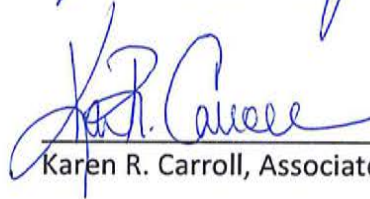
Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice



Harold E. Eaton, Associate Justice



Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice