

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12.709-08/26*

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF CLERK
AD INTERIM FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

Florida Statute § 28.09 provides for the judicial appointment of a Clerk Ad Interim upon the resignation of the duly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court. Effective August 18, 2026 at 9:21 a.m. the Governor suspended the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Mike Caruso. The suspension of Clerk Mike Caruso creates a vacancy necessitating the appointment of a Clerk Ad Interim.

The Chief Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit is charged with the responsibility of appointing a Clerk Ad Interim to ensure the continuous operation of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County pending any appointment by the Governor, or election of a duly qualified person to the office of Clerk the Circuit Court.

Therefore, it is hereby,

ORDERED as follows:

1. Effective August 18, 2026 at 9:22 a.m., Shannon Ramsey-Chessman is appointed to serve as Clerk Ad Interim for Palm Beach County pursuant to Florida Statute § 28.09.
2. For the duration of this appointment, Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, as Clerk Ad Interim, shall assume all the responsibilities, perform all of the duties and receive the same compensation as the duly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County.
3. This appointment shall automatically terminate upon the appointment by the Governor of a Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County pursuant to Art. IV, §1(f), Fla. Const., or upon a duly qualified person assuming the office of Clerk of Court for Palm Beach County pursuant to a general or special election, whichever occurs first.

DONE and **ORDERED** in chambers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this 18th day of August, 2026.



Glenn D. Kelley
Chief Judge

*supersedes AO 12.709 – 08/25