

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2026 - 3

COMMERCIAL TAX CERTIORARI MATTERS IN ERIE COUNTY

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge for the Eighth Judicial District, I hereby direct that pursuant to the Rules of the Commercial Division, or any subsequent amendments to or replacements of such, all proceedings commenced in Erie County to challenge commercial real property tax assessments for commercial real property, regardless of value, shall be assigned in the first instance to one of the judges assigned to hear Real Property - Tax Certiorari Commercial Division matters. Accordingly, the prior Administrative Order signed by Administrative Judge Sharon Townsend on December 23, 2005, is hereby superseded by this Administrative Order. This Administrative Order does not affect or alter the one-hundred-thousand-dollar threshold requirement for general Commercial Division assignments.



HON. AMY C. MARTOCHE
Administrative Judge
Eighth Judicial District

Dated: May 15, 2026

To: Hon. Joseph A. Zayas, Chief Administrative Judge
Hon. James P. Murphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
Hon. Gerald J. Whalen, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department
Hon. John B. Licata, J.S.C., Eighth Judicial District Supervising Judge for Civil
Hon. Deborah Chimes, J.S.C., Commercial Division & Real Property - Tax Cert Judge
Hon. Emilio Colaiacovo, J.S.C., Commercial Division & Real Property - Tax Cert Judge
Hon. Jorge de Rosas, J.S.C., Real Property - Tax Cert Judge
Hon. J. David Sampson, J.S.C., Commercial Division & Real Property - Tax Cert Judge
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