

**IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE 2010-1**

*(Vacates Administrative Directive 2009-9)*

**IN RE:       CIRCUIT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS – SANTA ROSA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, there has been continuing population growth within Santa Rosa County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the enhanced population for Santa Rosa County, Florida, has resulted in an increased work load for all Santa Rosa County and Circuit Judges assigned, and

WHEREAS, a new Circuit Judge was assigned to Santa Rosa County, Florida, effective January 19, 2010, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of judicial economy and utilization of all Circuit and County Judges to adjust and define docket assignments within the county, and

WHEREAS, a transition period is required to ensure the expeditious resolution of cases and the most effective utilization of judicial resources, it is therefore

**ORDERED AND DIRECTED that:**

1. All family law cases assigned to the Magistrate in and for Santa Rosa County, Florida wherein there is an objection to the Magistrate, will be assigned to one of the three (3) Circuit Court Judges on a rotation basis as set forth below in paragraph 6. Similarly, recusals by the Magistrate will be assigned to one of the three (3) Circuit Court Judges on a rotation basis as set forth below in paragraph 6.

2. Signature authority for family law orders generated by the Magistrate are assigned to Divisions A, B and D as set forth herein.

3. Excepting matters brought before a duty judge, docket assignments for Circuit Judges assigned in Santa Rosa County, will generally be limited to circuit court matters. Similarly, docket assignments for Santa Rosa County Judges will be generally limited to county court matters.

4. As to circuit civil cases only, cases assigned with docket numbers ending in zero (0) will be assigned to a division based upon the number immediately preceding the zero (0).

5. Docket assignments for the four Santa Rosa County Circuit Judges and Magistrate will be:

A. Circuit Court Division A – Judge Goodman:

- 1) Family Law cases ending in numbers 6, 7, and 8 including signature authority for Magistrate cases ending in 6, 7 and 8;
- 2) Criminal cases (currently assigned to felony Division A);
- 3) Civil cases ending in numbers 1, 2, and 3;
- 4) 1/4 domestic violence injunction cases, assigned on a rotation basis;
- 5) Circuit Court signature authority, child support enforcement.

B. Circuit Court Division B – Judge Bergosh:

- 1) Family Law cases ending in numbers 1 and 2 including signature authority for Magistrate cases ending in 0, 1 and 2;
- 2) Criminal cases (currently assigned to felony Division B);
- 3) Civil cases ending in numbers 4, 5, and 6;

- 4) Probate cases;
- 5) 1/4 domestic violence injunction cases, assigned on a rotation basis;
- 6) Circuit Court signature authority, Magistrate for Baker Act, and Marchman Act.

C. Circuit Court Division C – Judge Santurri:

- 1) Family Law cases ending in numbers 4 and 5 including signature authority for Magistrate cases ending in 4 and 5;
- 2) Criminal cases (currently assigned to felony Division C);
- 3) Civil cases ending in numbers 7, 8 and 9;
- 4) 1/4 domestic violence injunction cases, assigned on a rotation basis.

D. Circuit Court Division D – Judge Rimmer:

- 1) Dependency; Delinquency; Children and Families in Need of Services (Ch. 984); and Truancy;
- 2) Guardianship;
- 3) Unified Family Court;
- 4) 1/4 domestic violence injunction cases assigned on a rotation basis;
- 5) Circuit Court signature authority, Magistrate for family law cases ending in number 3 and 9.

E. Circuit Court Division E – Magistrate Miller:

- 1) Family Law cases ending in numbers 3, 9 and 0;
- 2) Pro se Family Law cases;
- 3) Baker Act and Marchman Act cases;
- 4) Department of Revenue Contested Paternity cases.

The Magistrate will also, in support of Santa Rosa County Court Judges, handle county civil cases as same as referred to the Magistrate by the County Court Judges. Additional County Court Magistrate responsibilities include small claims pretrial conferences and other county civil cases as referred to the Magistrate by County Court Judges.

6. Timely exceptions, objections or recusals to Circuit matters before the Magistrate will be assigned to the three (3) Circuit Judges in Divisions A, B and D on a rotation basis.

7. The Santa Rosa County Court civil, landlord/tenant, criminal and infraction docket will be divided between Santa Rosa County's two County Court Judges as mutually agreed upon by those judges and as promulgated by separate writing.

8. Given limited courtroom space, concerns for judicial economy and greatest utilization of available resources and facilities, Court Administration is responsible for assigning courtrooms to judges.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Milton, Florida, this 4 day of March, 2010.

/S/ Thomas R. Santurri

THOMAS R. SANTURRI  
Administrative Judge

**Copies of Admin. Directive 2010-1 provided to:**

The Honorable Terry Terrell, Chief Judge  
All Santa Rosa County Judges  
Magistrate John Miller  
The Honorable Mary Johnson, Clerk of Court  
The Honorable Wendell Hall, Sheriff  
Office of the State Attorney, Santa Rosa County  
Office of the Public Defender, Santa Rosa County  
Department of Juvenile Justice  
Department of Children & Families  
Regional Conflict Council  
Department of Revenue  
State Probation  
County Probation  
Robin Wright, Court Administrator  
Brenda Van Brussel, Court Operations Manager  
Capt. Paul Campbell, SRSO  
Eric Eggen, Child Support Hearing Officer  
Summation