

**IN THE COURTS OF THE
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-29

**RE: FORECLOSURE
 CREATION OF DIVISION “W”
 FORECLOSURE BACKLOG INITIATIVE**

**CORRECTED
ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated funds to reestablish the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program* beginning July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the First Judicial Circuit has been allocated a portion of the appropriation for that program due to the continuing backlog of foreclosure actions; it is

ORDERED that:

1. In Escambia and Okaloosa Counties a Division will be created to address backlogged foreclosure actions filed in those counties.
2. The division created in those counties to address the foreclosure actions as identified in this order shall be designated “Division W__.”
3. As of the effective date of this order, all opened or reopened foreclosure actions originally filed on or before January 31, 2012 shall be reassigned to “Division W__”. To avoid confusion and delay while Division W_ becomes fully operational, all foreclosure matters presently set for hearing, including lack of prosecution dismissal hearings, motions to withdraw or substitute counsel, summary judgment, or final hearing, whether scheduled before or after July 1,

2012, are to be heard and resolved by the currently assigned judge. Thereafter, all other matters shall be scheduled with the Division W_ judge.

4. The Clerk in Escambia and Okaloosa Counties shall insert the present civil division designator, whether alpha or numeric, after the “W” designator. (i.e.: Division WA or W1) That process will facilitate reassignment of any unresolved cases to the originating division in the respective counties without further order should written notification of termination of the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program* be delivered to either Clerk by the Chief Judge.
5. Should any originating division assignment no longer be available upon program termination, the Clerk in the affected county shall equitably reassign any unresolved cases according to the civil division structure then in place in that county.
6. To manage the program, the following judicial assignments are made:
 - a. Escambia County Division “W__” Senior Judge John Parnham
 - b. Okaloosa County Division “W__” Senior Judge Keith Brace
7. First Circuit Court Administration shall employ case managers consistent with the First Judicial Circuit recommendation submitted to TCBC.
8. In processing backlogged foreclosure cases, the civil division judges in Santa Rosa and Walton Counties shall work with the program case managers to facilitate implementation of case management, data collection, and mass scheduling practices utilized by the Division “W_” judges.
9. All judges responsible for processing backlogged foreclosure cases in the respective counties shall expend every effort to work with the program case

managers and with each other to facilitate best-practices, uniformity, communication, and coordination in processing the assigned cases and compiling required statistical information as required by the Office of State Courts Administrator.

10. This order shall become effective July 1, 2012.

DONE AND ORDERED this 29th day of June, 2012.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

TERRY D. TERRELL
CHIEF JUDGE

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