

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS IN AND FOR THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-04**

**RE: FORECLOSURE**

**CREATION OF DIVISION “U”  
CONTINUATION OF DIVISION “W”  
REASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CASES AND JUDGES RELATING TO THE  
FORECLOSURE BACKLOG INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature appropriated funds on July 1, 2013 to continue the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program*; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funds have been allocated for use in reducing the large number of foreclosure cases pending on the docket of the courts in this circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of current statistics establishes a clear need to reassign resources and judges to effectively manage the Foreclosure Backlog Initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Judge John T. Parnham has requested to be relieved of his assignment to the Escambia County Division “W” Foreclosure Backlog Initiative docket effective October 1, 2014. His request will be honored with gratitude for the exemplary, dedicated work he has performed by substantially reducing the backlogged foreclosure cases in Escambia County while at the same time ensuring the innovative case management practices have never been implemented at the expense of all parties receiving full and fair due process; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Judge Paul Rasmussen and Senior Judge William P. White have indicated their willingness to be assigned to the Escambia County Division “W” Foreclosure Backlog Initiative docket effective October 1, 2014, potentially for the remainder of the State Court System fiscal year 2014-2015; and

In concert with Administrative Order No. 2013-38, *Continuation and Creation of Divisions "W" - Foreclosure Backlog Initiative*; it is

**ORDERED** that:

1. In Escambia County a mortgage foreclosure Division "U" is created to address a portion of the caseload currently assigned to Division "W."
2. Senior Judge Paul Rasmussen is re-assigned to preside over the newly created Division "U."
3. Senior Judge Paul Rasmussen and Senior Judge William P. White shall be assigned to Escambia County Division "W" and shall equally split the work of the division **effective October 1, 2014**, as they may mutually agree.
4. Senior Judge William P. White is assigned to preside over the existing Walton County Division "W."

**ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY:**

5. As of the effective date of this order, all foreclosure actions - newly filed, currently open, and reopened, shall be assigned or re-assigned in Escambia County as follows:

**DIVISION "W":**

All mortgage foreclosure case numbers ending in the numerical digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and those ending in the numbers 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 shall be assigned to Escambia County's Division "W."

**DIVISION "U":**

All case numbers ending in the numerical digits 7, 8, and 9, and those ending in the numbers 70, 80, and 90 shall be assigned to Escambia County's Division "U."

All mortgage foreclosure cases previously assigned to Division “W” ending in the numerical digits 7, 8, 9, 70, 80, and 90 shall be re-assigned to Division “U.”

6. This administrative directive shall become **effective January 29, 2014.**

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Escambia County, Florida this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

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**TERRY D. TERRELL**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

Copies furnished to:

All Judges, Escambia County  
Honorable Paul Rasmussen, Senior Judge  
Honorable John Parnham, Senior Judge  
Honorable William P. White, Senior Judge  
Honorable Alex Alford, Clerk of Court, Walton County  
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of Court, Escambia County  
Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator  
Janet Gilbert, Family Law Manager