

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-46 CORRECTED**  
*(Amends and replaces AO 2014-46 as to erroneous spelling of J.D. Peacock  
and corrects spelling to JD Peacock II. All other content remains the same.)*

**RE: COURT ADMINISTRATION  
APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AD INTERIM  
OKALOOSA COUNTY**

**ORDER APPOINTING CLERK AD INTERIM FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Okaloosa County, Florida, Don Howard, has announced his resignation effective October 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the current term of office of Don Howard, Clerk of Circuit Court, runs through January 5, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted Florida Statute §28.09 as a mechanism to provide for the appointment of an interim in the event of a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, that mechanism authorizes the judicial appointment of an interim clerk pending appointment by the Governor or the election process; and

**WHEREAS**, to date the Governor has not appointed a person to fill the vacancy resulting from Don Howard's resignation, and the election process for Okaloosa County has finalized with the election of **JD Peacock II** for the Clerk of Circuit Court/Comptroller vacancy for the term beginning January 6, 2015; **it is**

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Florida Statute §28.09, and as Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit which includes Okaloosa County, **JD Peacock II** is appointed as Clerk Ad Interim for the remainder of the Clerk of Circuit Court/Comptroller term vacant as the result of the resignation of Don Howard and the appointment shall be effective

November 1, 2014 through the term's end January 5, 2015. Any appointment by the Governor, or as otherwise provided by General Law, of a Clerk Ad Interim for Okaloosa County after the entry of this order shall supersede this order.

As Clerk Ad Interim, **JD Peacock II** shall assume and meet all responsibilities, duties, and conditions as provided for by the Legislature under Florida Statutes.

This order is effective November 1, 2014 and, in the event the Governor makes his own appointment to fill the vacancy prior to November 1, 2014, this order is to be deemed null and void in its entirety and shall have no effect. If no appointment is made by the Governor such as to supersede this order prior to November 1, 2014, this order shall automatically expire at the end of the current term of office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Okaloosa County which runs through January 5, 2015.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, *nunc pro tunc* October 15, 2014.

/S/ TERRY D. TERRELL

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

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