

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-12

IN RE: PROBATE and GUARDIANSHIP

**CREATION OF PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION “U” -
ESCAMBIA COUNTY - JUNE 1, 2018**

ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3), *Florida Rules of Judicial Administration*, the undersigned Chief Judge has the authority to establish case management strategies for the efficiency of docket control; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to realign the probate and guardianship matters in Escambia County to ensure equitable distribution and the efficient use of judicial resources and court staff resources; it is

ORDERED that:

1. An additional probate and guardianship division is created in and for Escambia County, Florida and shall be known as Division “U.”
2. Effective June 1, 2018 the Honorable W. Joel Boles shall be assigned to preside in Division “U” and shall remain assigned to Division “U” until further order of this Court.
3. Effective June 1, 2018, the Clerk of Court shall reassign all pending probate and guardianship cases currently assigned to Division “T” with the last name of the decedent or ward beginning with the letters *A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K* to Division “U.”
4. Effective June 1, 2018, those pending probate and guardianship cases currently assigned to Division “T” with the last name of the decedent or ward beginning with the letters *L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z* shall remain assigned to Division “T.”
5. Effective June 1, 2018, newly filed qualifying probate and guardianship cases shall be assigned in alternating order by the Clerk of Court to Divisions “T” and “U.”

6. *Baker Act, Marchman Act*, and incapacity cases are not affected by this assignment process and shall remain assigned to Division “R” as ordered in Administrative Order No. 2015-59.
7. If for any reason the judge assigned to probate and guardianship Division “T” is unable to preside in a specific case, the Clerk of Court, under order of the court, is to reassign the affected case to probate and guardianship Division “U.”
8. If for any reason the judge assigned to probate and guardianship Division “U” is unable to preside in a specific case, the Clerk of Court, under order of the Court, is to reassign the affected case to probate and guardianship Division “T.”

DONE AND ORDERED in Escambia County, Florida this 21st day of May, 2018.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

LINDA L. NOBLES, CHIEF JUDGE

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