

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-17

IN RE: FORECLOSURE

**RESTRUCTURING OF THE RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE DIVISION - OKALOOSA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the First Judicial Circuit has established case management strategies to reduce the backlog of residential mortgage foreclosures through the Circuit; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to restructure processes to continue efforts to utilize established case management strategies; and

WHEREAS, a review of current statistics established a clear need to restructure certain resources to continue the efficient management of these cases across the Circuit; it is

ORDERED that

1. This order shall supercede any and all instructions, directives, and orders on the subject of residential foreclosure cases which remain in force and in use within Okaloosa County.
2. Effective upon entry of this order, all open and re-opened residential mortgage foreclosure cases shall be reassigned by the Clerk of Court to the divisions of original assignment prior to the creation of Division "W."
3. Cases currently set for hearing in Okaloosa's Division "W" shall remain on the calendar and heard in Division "W" but shall be included in the reassignment process ordered in Paragraph "2." of this order. Any future hearings on the cases currently set in Division "W" shall be heard before the assigned division judge.
4. Upon entry of this order, no additional residential mortgage foreclosure cases shall be set in Division "W."
5. All new residential mortgage foreclosure cases shall be assigned in random manner to current circuit civil divisions.
6. The Foreclosure Case Manager in the employ of Court Administration and assigned

to Division "W" Okaloosa County shall cease services to foreclosure cases effective July 13, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 12th day of June, 2018.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

LINDA L. NOBLES
CHIEF JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Circuit Judges of Okaloosa County
Robin M. Wright, Trial Court Administrator
Honorable JD Peacock II, Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County
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