

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2019-45
(Amends and vacates portions of Administrative Order 2019-36)

IN RE: FAMILY LAW

REALIGNMENT OF CERTAIN FAMILY LAW DIVISIONS

In support of the equity and economy of judicial resources; it is

ORDERED that:

1. Effective upon entry of this order, and with the exception of the cases identified on the attached Exhibit "A," the division identified as "L3" shall be collapsed.
2. Effective upon entry of this order, and with the exception of the cases identified on the attached Exhibit "B," the division identified as "M3" shall be collapsed.
3. The remaining cases assigned to "L3" and "M3" other than those identified above shall be reassigned as follows:
 - 50% of the remaining cases in L3 shall be assigned to Division "M"
 - 50% of the remaining cases in L3 shall be assigned to Division "P"
 - 50% of the remaining cases in M3 shall be assigned to Division "M"
 - 50% of the remaining cases in M3 shall be assigned to Division "P"
4. The cases identified as exceptions in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" are currently set for hearing before the Honorable Amy Brodersen. At the conclusion of each hearing in which final disposition of the case is not obtained, an order of reassignment shall be entered. Upon the filing of an Order of Reassignment the Clerk of Court is directed to reassign the case pursuant to the directive outlined in Paragraph 3 above.

5. At such time an existing closed case assigned to Division "L3" wherein the petitioner and the respondent are *pro se* is presented for "reopen" active status, the case shall be assigned to Division "YL."

6. At such time any existing closed case assigned to Division "L" wherein the petitioner and the respondent are *pro se* is presented for "reopen" active status, the case shall be assigned to Division "YL" and an Order of Referral to General Magistrate shall immediately be entered pursuant to ECAD2017-05.

7. Any "YL" *pro se* cases in which either party objects to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate shall be assigned to Division "L."

8. At such time an existing closed case assigned to Division "M3" wherein the petitioner and the respondent are *pro se* is presented for "reopen" active status, the case shall be assigned to Division "M."

9. Upon the filing of a new Family Law case it is found by the Clerk of Court to be related to a domestic violence case assigned to Division III, the Clerk of Court shall assign the newly filed Family Law case as outlined in Paragraph 12 below.

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10. All new *pro se* case filings shall be assigned to Divisions "M," "P," and "YL" as follows:

33% to Division "M" by random selection
34% to Division "P" by random selection
33% to Division "YL" by random selection

11. The following Family Law case types:

Adoption
Name Change
Simplified Dissolution
Termination of Parent Rights
UIFSA Registration

shall be assigned as follows:

33% to Division "L"
33% to Division "M"
34% to Division "P"

12. Effective upon entry of this order, case filings which commence a new Family

Law case other than those described above shall be assigned as follows:

Twenty-five percent (25%) to Division "L"
Twenty-eight percent (28%) to Division "M"
Twenty-eight percent (28%) to Division "P"
Nine percent (9%) to Division "YL"
Five percent (5%) to Division "YM"
Five percent (5%) to Division "YP"

PETITIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS AGAINST DATING VIOLENCE, REPEAT VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND STALKING:

13. Effective January 2, 2020, the Clerk of Court for Escambia County shall create a division which shall be known as "Division DV."

14. Effective January 2, 2020, Judges Amy Brodersen, Jennifer Frydrychowicz, Pat Kinsey, Kerra Smith, and Charles Young shall preside in Division "DV" on a rotating basis for coverage of the entire Division "DV."

15. Effective January 2, 2020, petitions for injunctions against dating violence, repeat violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking shall be assigned by incorporating Division "DV" into the existing Domestic Violence Hearing calendar as published by Court Administration. The order of assignment shall be Division "L," Division "M," Division "P," Division "DV."

16. Effective January 2, 2020, any domestic violence case assigned to Division "III" shall be reassigned to Division "DV."

17. Effective January 2, 2020, upon the filing of a new Family Law case it is found by the Clerk of Court to be related to a domestic violence case assigned to Division "DV," the Clerk of Court shall assign the newly filed Family Law case as outlined in Paragraph 12 above.

18. Effective upon entry of this order, during any week a county judge or circuit judge is assigned to consider petitions for domestic violence injunctions, the assigned judge must be available

to consider the petitions presented by the Clerk of Court during normal business hours. If for any reason the judge assigned to consider petitions is not available, the assigned judge or her/his judicial assistant must make coverage arrangements for incoming petitions and notify the Clerk of Court's Family Law department staff the judge to whom petitions should be presented in the assigned judge's absence.

19. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 of Administrative Order No. 2019-36 shall remain in effect.

20. Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, and 18 of Administrative Order No. 2019-36 shall remain in effect and are repeated herein for continuity and clarity.

21. Paragraphs 5, 9, 10, and 11 of Administrative Order No. 2019-36 are hereby vacated.

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 12th day of November, 2019.



JOHN L. MILLER
CHIEF JUDGE

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EXHIBIT "A"
Administrative Order No. 2019-45

CASE NUMBERS REMAIN ASSIGNED TO "L3"
1978-DR-002564
2019-DR-003512
2019-DR-003603
2019-DR-003647
2019-DR-003677
2019-DR-003727
2019-DR-003740
2019-DR-003780
2019-DR-003895
2019-DR-003901
2019-DR-003945
2019-DR-004022
2019-DR-004032
2019-DR-004063
2019-DR-004098
2019-DR-004101
2019-DR-004144
2019-DR-004219
2019-DR-004304
2019-DR-004359

EXHIBIT “B”
Administrative Order No. 2019-45

CASE NUMBERS REMAIN ASSIGNED TO DIVISION M3
2010-DR-000713
2010-DR-000997
2012-DR-004022
2018-DR-001118
2018-DR-001484
2018-DR-002352
2019-DR-000363
2019-DR-000562
2019-DR-003730
2019-DR-004028
2019-DR-004080
2019-DR-004099
2019-DR-004261
2019-DR-004307
2019-DR-004337
2019-DR-004377
2019-DR-004426
2019-DR-003832
2015-DR-004194