

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-44

**IN RE: PROBATE
 GUARDIANSHIP**

**CREATION OF PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION “T” -
ESCAMBIA COUNTY - JANUARY, 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, probate and guardianship matters have been operating under the general jurisdiction judicial assignments in Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to realign the probate and guardianship matters for the efficient use of judicial resources and court staff resources; it is

ORDERED that:

1. A probate and guardianship division is created in and for Escambia County, Florida and the designation Circuit Court Division “T” shall become the probate/guardianship division.
2. Effective January 16, 2018, newly filed qualifying probate and guardianship cases shall be assigned by the Clerk of Court to Division “T.”
- 3.. Effective January 16, 2018, the Clerk of Court shall reassign all pending probate and guardianship cases in any general jurisdiction division to Division “T.”
4. *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.

5. 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 general jurisdiction Division “K.”

DONE AND ORDERED in Escambia County, Florida this 17th day of October, 2017.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

LINDA L. NOBLES, CHIEF JUDGE

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