

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2006-12.1  
(Vacates Administrative Order No. 1998-67)  
(Amended - typographical error only)**

**IN RE:            RECUSAL**

**PROCEDURE FOLLOWING RECUSALS IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**WHEREAS**, it may, from time to time, become necessary for a Judge to recuse himself/herself from presiding over a particular case, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to implement a procedure for the reassignment of such cases, it is, therefore

**ORDERED:**

1. Okaloosa County cases shall be reassigned, but not transferred, to an Escambia County judge when all Okaloosa County judges have recused. The Clerk of the Court for Okaloosa County shall contact the Clerk of the Court for Escambia County for random reassignment to an Escambia County Judge.
2. Escambia County cases shall be reassigned, but not transferred, to an Okaloosa County judge when all Escambia County judges have recused. The Clerk of the Court for Escambia County shall contact the Clerk of the Court for Okaloosa County for random reassignment to an Okaloosa County judge.
3. Okaloosa and Escambia County cases shall be reassigned at the discretion of the Chief Judge when all judges from those two counties have recused.
4. Walton County cases shall be reassigned, but not transferred, to a Santa Rosa County judge when all Walton County judges have recused. The Clerk of the Court for Walton County shall contact the Clerk of the Court for Santa Rosa County for random reassignment to a Santa Rosa County judge.
5. Santa Rosa County cases shall be reassigned, but not transferred, to a Walton County judge when all Santa Rosa County judges have recused. The Clerk of the Court for Santa Rosa County shall contact the Clerk of the Court for Walton County for random reassignment to a Walton County judge.

6. Walton and Santa Rosa County cases shall be reassigned at the discretion of the Chief Judge when all judges from those two counties have recused.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

Signed by: Kim A. Skievaski, Chief Judge

Conformed copies to:

All County Judges, First Judicial Circuit  
All Circuit Judges, First Judicial Circuit  
All Clerks, First Judicial Circuit  
Wayne Peacock, Court Administrator