

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Amended OCAD 2015-01
IN RE: CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT DIVISIONS**

Administrative Directive 2015-01 supersedes other previous directives relevant to caseload assignment for Okaloosa County. The following caseload assignments shall take effect July 1, 2015:

CIRCUIT COURT:

Fort Walton Beach Divisions

Judge Brown - Division 001

Circuit Civil and Felony
Forfeitures
Appeals

Judge Stone - Division 002

Circuit Civil and Felony
Forfeitures
Appeals

Judge Polson - Division 003

Family
Dependency

Mental Health Division

Baker and Marchman Act

Guardianship Division

Judge Gontarek - Division 004

Family
Juvenile Delinquency

Injunctions for Protection Against Violence Division

Petitions for protection against Violence

Probate Division

Crestview Divisions

Judge Ketchel - Division 005

Division W
Civil Division
Juvenile Delinquency
Dependency

Judge Flowers - Division 006

Felony
Family Law
Appeals
Forfeitures

Injunctions for Protection Against Violence Division

Petitions for protection against Violence

COUNTY COURT

Judge Ward - Division A

Civil
Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division
Felony Arraignments
Small Claims

Judge Maney - Division B

Civil
Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic

Judge Grinsted - Division C

Civil
Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic

OTHER COURTS:

MAGISTRATE Thomas Nixon

Baker Act and Marchman Act Hearings - North End and South End

Pro Se Family Law - North End and South End

Family Law Post Judgment – North End and South End

Dependency Drug Court - North End and South End

Recusals from Child Support Hearing Officer – North End
and South End

Any other matters specifically referred.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT - Judge T. Patterson Maney

DRUG COURT - Judge Jim Ward

MENTAL HEALTH COURT - Judge Patricia S. Grinsted

CHILD SUPPORT HEARINGS

The Child Support Hearing Officer will hear all North and South End child support cases.

FIRST APPEARANCES: First Appearances for regular workdays will be handled by the three

county court judges on a rotation schedule. If the scheduled county judge is not available for first appearances, that duty will fall to the county judge next scheduled on the rotation list, followed by the third county judge on the rotation list, if necessary. If a county judge is not available, the Duty Judge will perform these functions, either by video or in person, at the judge's option. The Duty Judge will conduct first appearances on weekends and holidays. The juvenile judges will share all detentions and shelter hearings scheduled during the weekdays. If neither juvenile judge is available during weekdays, the Duty Judge will handle all detentions and shelter hearings. The Duty Judge will handle all detentions and shelter hearings on the weekends and holidays.

DONE AND ORDERED in Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida, this 25th day of February, 2015.

/S/ Michael A. Flowers
Michael A. Flowers, Administrative Judge

Conformed copies furnished to:

Honorable Terry D. Terrell, Chief Judge
All Circuit and County Judges, Okaloosa County
All Law Enforcement Agencies, Okaloosa County
Magistrate Thomas Nixon
Mark Rubin, Child Support Hearing Officer
State Attorney's Office, Shalimar and Crestview
Public Defender's Office, Shalimar and Crestview
Honorable J.D. Peacock II, Clerk of Circuit Court Okaloosa County
Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator
Allison Mikel, Court Operations Manager
Official Court Reporters, Okaloosa County
Bridgeway Center Inc, Judicial Services, Probation & Diversion Programs
Florida Department Corrections, Probation & Parole Services
Florida Department of Children and Families

JD Peacock II
CLERK OF COURT

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk