



Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension  
1940 Lewis Turner Boulevard  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable John Miller, Chief Judge  
All Judges, Okaloosa County  
Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator  
Office of State Attorney  
Office of Public Defender  
Honorable JD Peacock II, Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County

**THRU:** William F. Stone, Okaloosa County Administrative Judge

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "WFS", is written over the name of William F. Stone.

**FROM:** Valerie Broxson, Court Operations Manager

**DATE:** January 28, 2022

**RE:** Division assignments as of January 31, 2022, Rev. 1

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Per Okaloosa County Administrative Directive 2021-06, divisional assignment changes for the Okaloosa County judges will be distributed to stakeholders via a memorandum. Below are the divisional assignments as of January 31, 2022.

**CIRCUIT DIVISIONS:**

South Okaloosa County Divisions

- Division 001 – Judge Polson
  - Circuit Civil (50%)
  - Felony & Felony Arraignments (Cases A-K)
  - Appeals (50%)
  
- Division 002 – Judge Brown
  - Circuit Civil (50%)
  - Felony & Felony Arraignments (Cases L-Z)
  - Appeals (50%)
  
- Division 003 – Judge Gontarek
  - Family Law (50%)
  - Dependency (100%)

- Division 004 – Judge Stone
  - Family Law (50%)
  - Juvenile Delinquency (100%)
  - **Injunctions for Protection Against Violence Division** (100%)
    - (Petitions for protection against Violence)
  - **Probate Division** (100% North & South)
    - (Guardianship)

#### North Okaloosa County Divisions

- Division 005 – Judge Flowers
  - Family Law (100%)
  - Juvenile Delinquency (100%)
  - Dependency (100%)
  - **Injunctions for Protection Against Violence Division** (100%)
    - (Petitions for protection against Violence)
  
- Division 006 – Judge Ketchel
  - Felony & Felony Arraignments (100%)
  - Civil Division (100%)
  - Appeals (100%)
  - Forfeitures (100%)

### **COUNTY DIVISIONS**

#### South Okaloosa County Divisions

- Division C – Judge Schlechter
  - Civil (South Cases A-K)
  - Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division (South Cases A-K)
  - **Mental Health Division** (100% North & South)
    - (Baker and Marchman Act)
  
- Division B – Judge Mason
  - Civil (South Cases L-Z)
  - Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division (South Cases L-Z)

#### North Okaloosa County Divisions

- Division A – Judge Ward
  - Civil (North)
  - Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division (North)
  - Small Claims (North & South Cases)