

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE ECAD 2010-02**

**IN RE:           CREATION OF SUB-DIVISIONS FOR REFERRALS TO  
                  GENERAL MAGISTRATE IN FAMILY LAW CASES**

WHEREAS, a General Magistrate has been appointed in Escambia County, one of whose responsibilities is handling family law cases; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for the division of workload and to streamline the process by which cases are assigned to the General Magistrate that the prior procedure of an Order of Referral to General Magistrate being entered in every case file with the assigned circuit judge later determining what, if any, issues will be addressed by the General Magistrate be modified;

THEREFORE, effective May 3, 2010, it is

ORDERED that:

1. This directive shall apply to all new family law case filings. This directive shall not apply to the reopening of existing family law cases. Family law cases affected by this directive do not include Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Violence or Repeat Violence actions.
2. Two new family law divisions, Divisions "Y/L" and Division "Y/M" shall be created.
3. Of all new family law cases filed, the distribution to the division shall be:
  - Twenty percent (20%) to Division "P";
  - Twenty-five percent (25%) to Division "L";
  - Twenty-five percent (25%) to Division "M";
  - Fifteen percent (15%) to Division "Y/L";
  - Fifteen percent (15%) to Division "Y/M".
4. An Order of Referral to General Magistrate shall be entered in all Division "Y/L" and Division "Y/M" cases immediately upon filing.
5. The circuit judges assigned to Divisions "L" and "M" shall also be assigned to Divisions "Y/L" and "Y/M", respectively.

6. This directive does not prohibit a circuit judge from entering an Order of Referral to General Magistrate in a case not originally referred to the General Magistrate under this directive.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

Signed by: Paul Rasmussen, Administrative Judge