

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE ECAD 2010-05

**IN RE: REALIGNMENT OF CERTAIN COURT DIVISIONS IN
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Judge Frank L. Bell, Division "B" of the Circuit Court in and for Escambia County, will be collapsed and that judicial position relocated to Okaloosa County pursuant to Administrative Order Number 2010-37 entered by the Chief Judge on August 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to readjust the workload and division assignments in Escambia County to accommodate for the loss of that position; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide an orderly transfer of cases among the various divisions and courts within Escambia County, it is

ORDERED as follows:

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISIONS:

1. Effective September 1, 2010, the Clerk of Court shall not assign any new criminal cases to Division "B." Those criminal cases that would normally be assigned to Division "B" shall be randomly assigned to the remaining felony criminal divisions.
2. Following September 1, 2010, any Division "B" criminal cases that are continued to or beyond January 3, 2011, shall be randomly assigned by the Clerk of Court to the remaining felony criminal divisions and placed on the next scheduled VOP or docket day (as the case may be) for the newly assigned division. Since many of these continuances may occur in open court, the Clerk shall develop a system to randomly assign cases from the courtroom.
3. Effective January 3, 2011, Division "B" of the Circuit Court shall be collapsed and any remaining criminal cases in Division "B" shall be randomly assigned by the Clerk of Court to the remaining felony criminal divisions and placed on the next scheduled docket day for the newly assigned division.
4. Effective January 3, 2011, all Division "B" civil, probate, guardianship and pending county court appeal cases shall be transferred to Division "F" of the Circuit Court.

JUVENILE DIVISIONS:

5. Effective October 1, 2010, the Clerk of Court, Juvenile Division, shall not assign any new cases of any kind to Division "O" of the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court.
6. Division "O" cases shall be reassigned as equally as possible to Divisions "G" and "H" in a manner directed by the judges assigned to those divisions.
7. Effective January 3, 2011, Division "O" of the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court shall be collapsed and any remaining juvenile cases in Division "O" shall be assigned by the Clerk of Court to the remaining juvenile divisions and placed on the court docket for the newly assigned division as directed by the judges of the juvenile court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida,
this 5th day of August, 2010.

Signed by: Paul Rasmussen,
Circuit Administrative Judge