

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

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
ECAD2015-04
(vacates ECAD2013-01)**

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

WHEREAS, an additional part-time General Magistrate has been appointed in Escambia County, with a portion of this Magistrate's responsibilities being the assignment of handling family law cases; and

WHEREAS, Family Law Divisions "Y/L" and "Y/M" were created pursuant to ECAD 2010-02; and

WHEREAS, Family Law Division "Y/P" was created pursuant to ECAD 2013-01; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for the equitable division of workload to create additional Family Law divisions for the distribution of cases to the additional part-time General Magistrate; it is hereby,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. This directive shall apply to all new Family Law case filings.
2. Divisions "L," "M," and "P" shall be assigned to all of the following case filings:

- Adoption
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Name Change
- Repeat Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Simplified Dissolution
- Stalking
- Termination of Parental Rights
- UIFSA Registration

3. Case filings referred to in paragraph 2 shall be assigned as follows:

- Forty percent (40%) to Division "L"

Forty percent (40%) to Division "M"
Twenty percent (20%) to Division "P"

4. New Family Law divisions to be known as "S/L," "S/M," and "S/P" shall be created.
5. Divisions "YL," "YM," "YP," "SL," "SM," and "SP" shall be assigned to all *pro se* case filings.
6. *Pro se* is defined as any new Family Law case filing where the petitioner is *pro se*.
7. Case filings referred to in paragraph 5 shall be assigned as follows:

Twenty six percent (26%) to Division "Y/L"
Twenty six percent (26%) to Division "Y/M"
Fourteen percent (14%) to Division "Y/P"

Thirteen percent (13%) to Division "S/L"
Thirteen percent (13%) to Division "S/M"
Eight percent (8%) to Division "S/P"

8. All case filings not addressed above shall be assigned as follows:

Thirty one percent (31%) to Division "L"
Thirty one percent (31%) to Division "M"
Fourteen percent (14%) to Division "P"

Six percent (6%) to Division "Y/L"
Six percent (6%) to Division "Y/M"
Four percent (4%) to Division "Y/P"

Three percent (3%) to Division "S/L"
Three percent (3%) to Division "S/M"
Two percent (2%) to Division "S/P"

9. An Order of Referral to General Magistrate shall be entered in all Division "Y/L," "Y/M," "Y/P," "S/L," "S/M," and "S/P" cases immediately upon any new Family Law filing or reopening.
10. The circuit judges assigned to Divisions "L," "M," and "P" shall also be assigned to Divisions "Y/L," "Y/M," "Y/P," "S/L," "S/M," and "S/P" respectively.
11. 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.

12. This directive shall be effective May 26, 2015.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 26th
day of May, 2015.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

LINDA L. NOBLES
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Honorable Terry D. Terrell, Chief Judge
All Judges, Escambia County
Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator
Pam Childers, Clerk of Court, Escambia