

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE ECAD2018-12
(amends ECAD2017-01)**

**IN RE: REALIGNMENT OF FAMILY LAW DIVISIONS, ESCAMBIA
AMENDING ECAD2017-01**

WHEREAS, after review of the resulting workload and assignment process ordered in Administrative Directive ECAD2017-01, it is necessary to amend ECAD2017-01 to ensure equitable distribution and the economy of judicial resources. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that:

1. Effective January 8, 2019 the division identified as "L3" shall be collapsed.
2. Effective January 8, 2019 any "YL" or "SL" *pro se* case in which either party objects to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate shall be assigned to Division "L."
3. Effective January 8, 2019 thirty three percent (33%) of the following newly filed Family Law case types shall be assigned to Division "L":

Adoption
Name Change
Simplified Dissolution
Termination of Parental Rights
UIFSA Registration
4. Effective January 8, 2019 and at such time as an existing closed case assigned to Division "L3" wherein the petitioner and the respondent are *pro se* is presented for "reopen" active status, the case shall be assigned to Division "L."
5. **RELATED CASES.**

Effective January 8, 2019 when a Family Law ("FL") case is filed or reopened and

found to be related to a domestic violence (“DV”) case assigned to Division III under the assignment process ordered in ECAD2017-01, Paragraph 5, the Clerk of Court shall, in random order and pursuant to the remaining assignment processes ordered in ECAD2017-01, assign the newly filed or reopened Division III family law case to Division “L,” “M,” “P,” “YL,” “YM,” “YP,” “SL,” “SM,” or “SP.”

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 21st day of
December, 2018.



JOHN L. MILLER
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Honorable Linda L. Nobles, Chief Judge
All Judges, Escambia County
Pam Childers, Clerk of Court, Escambia County