

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

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE ECAD2024-02
(vacates ECAD 2016-06)**

**IN RE: THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND
COMPTROLLER – TIME PERIOD FOR SAME DAY REVIEW OF
DOMESTIC, REPEAT, SEXUAL, DATING, AND STALKING
INJUNCTIONS IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Court must provide appropriate opportunities for any person who qualifies under the provisions of Ch. 741, Florida Statutes, and Ch. 784, Florida Statutes, to file a sworn petition for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, or stalking; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the orderly administration of justice that the judiciary have adequate time to properly consider and rule upon any sworn petition for domestic, repeat, sexual, dating, and stalking injunction; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a time period within which a qualified person may file a sworn petition for protection under the aforementioned statutes in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller for Escambia County and receive a same day review by the Court; it is

ORDERED that:

1. Effective January 24, 2024, the Family Law Division of the Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller will accept and process the same day any sworn petition for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking filed at the M.C. Blanchard Judicial

Building, 190 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida, or via the Florida Court's E-Filing Portal between the business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CT, Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. CT, Friday.

2. Petitions for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking as identified in Ch. 741 and Ch. 784, Florida Statutes, filed outside the business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CT, Monday through Thursday, or 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. CT, Friday, will be processed by the Clerk and reviewed by the Court the next day.
3. The terms "business hours" and "next day" do not include Saturdays, Sundays, court holidays, or emergency closures as mandated by the Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit.
4. Any person seeking an immediate temporary injunction for protection may contact the Escambia County Sheriff's Office to petition the entry of a 72-hour verbal Emergency Temporary Injunction for Protection Order pursuant to the provisions of First Judicial Circuit Administrative Order No. 2003-61.
5. ECAD 2016-06 is hereby vacated.

DONE AND ORDERED in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 23rd day of January, 2024.

/s/ John F. Simon, Jr.

JOHN F. SIMON, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Copies provided to:
Pam Childers, Escambia County Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller
All Judges, Escambia County