

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY LAW DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE ECFLAD 1996-01**

**IN RE: TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN BY EXTENDED
FAMILY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 751, *FLORIDA STATUTES***

WHEREAS, Chapter 751, *Florida Statutes*, recognizes that many minor children in this state live with and are well cared for by members of their extended families, and establishes a procedure whereby parents of these children provide for their care by placing them temporarily with another family member who is better able to care for them, thus deeming them not to be dependent children; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court hears and determines cases which are guided by Chapter 39, *Florida Statutes*, relating to dependent and delinquent children and Chapter 751 specifically declares these children are not dependent children; and

WHEREAS, since Chapter 751 became effective in 1993, all actions filed pursuant to said chapter have been assigned exclusively to the judges in the Family Law Division; therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This administrative policy and procedure shall be effective immediately.

2. All cases filed under Chapter 751, *Florida Statutes*, shall be filed and heard in the Family Law Division of the Circuit Court and any cases pertaining to Chapter 751 which have been transferred to the Juvenile Division shall be reassigned to the division from which they originated.

DONE AND ORDERED at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 29th day of January, 1996.

Signed by: John Parnham, Administrative Judge
Family Law Division