

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

OCAD 2011-05 (Vacates 2004-09 and 2004-09, Amended)

**IN RE: COLLECTION OF MEDIATION FEES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 44.108, FLORIDA STATUTES**

WHEREAS, §44.108, *Florida Statutes* provides for the funding of mediation and arbitration and directs the Clerk of Court as to the collection of filing fees for deposit in the state courts' Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the collection of mediation fees, for mediation services in individual actions, by the Clerk of Court from the Petitioner at the time of filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has placed an unfair burden on the Petitioner and resulted in undue administrative responsibilities for the Judiciary, Clerk staff and Court staff; it is

ORDERED that *OCAD 2004-09* and *OCAD 2004-09 Amended* are vacated and that parties to a Dissolution of Marriage shall pay mediation fees to the Clerk of Court once a mediation session has been scheduled.

DONE AND ORDERED this 25 day of JULY, 2011, at
Shalimar, Okaloosa County, Florida.

/S/ William F. Stone

WILLIAM F. STONE
Administrative Judge