

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 2010-01
IN RE: CIRCUIT AND COUNTY CASELOAD ASSIGNMENT

Administrative Directive 2010-01 supersedes other previous directives relevant to caseload assignment for Okaloosa County.

As it relates to this order, South End refers to that portion of Okaloosa County lying south of the line established by Administrative Directive 2009-08. North End refers to that portion of Okaloosa County lying north of the line established by Administrative Directive 2009-08.

Circuit Criminal Divisions remain 001, 002 and 003, and County Court Divisions remain A, B and C.

With a view toward maximum utilization of available courtroom space and equalization of caseload assignment in the Circuit Courts of Okaloosa County, the following caseload assignments shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise noted:

CIRCUIT COURT:

JUDGE JOHN T. BROWN

Family Cases - South End 25%

Civil – South End 33 1/3%

North End CAMFC 33 1/3%

Felony Division 001 (no felony plea days) - South End 50%

Probate & Guardianship - South End 25%

Forfeitures North End and South End 100%

Appeals South End 50%

JUDGE JACK HEFLIN

Family Cases - South End 25%

Civil Cases

North End CAMFC 33 1/3%

Juvenile Delinquency - North End and South End 100%

Shelter and Detentions South End 50%

Domestic Violence - South End 50%

Probate & Guardianship South End 25%

JUDGE THOMAS REMINGTON

Family Cases - South End 25%

Shelter and Detentions - South End 50% and North End 100%

Civil - South End 33 1/3%

Probate & Guardianship - South End 25%

Appeals South End 50%

Dependency – North End and South End 100%

JUDGE WILLIAM F. STONE

Family Cases - South End 25%

Civil - South End 33 1/3%

North End CAMFC 33 1/3%

Felony Division 003 (no felony plea days) –North End 100%

Probate & Guardianship - South End 25%

Domestic Violence - South End 50% and 50% North End

Appeals North End – 100%

JUDGE TERRANCE R. KETCHEL

Family Cases - North End 100%

Civil - North End 100%

Excluding all North End CAMFC

Felony Division 002 (no felony plea days) - South End 50%

Domestic Violence - North End 50%

Probate & Guardianship - North End 100%

COUNTY COURT:

JUDGE JIM WARD

Felony Plea Days -100%

Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division A - North End 100%

Civil --- North End 100%

Small Claims - North End and South End 100%

Civil Traffic Infractions North End 100%

JUDGE T. PATTERSON MANEY

Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division B South End 50% (L-Z)

Civil - South End 50%

Civil Traffic Infractions South End 50%

JUDGE PATRICIA S. GRINSTED

Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic Division C South End 50% (A-K)

Civil - South End 50%

Civil Traffic Infractions South End 50%

OTHER COURTS:

MAGISTRATE KEITH A. McIVER (through February 14, 2010)

Baker Act and Marchman Act North End and South End 100%

Pro Se Family Law - North End and South End 100%

Family Law Post Judgment – North End 100%

Dependency Drug Court - North End and South End 100%

MAGISTRATE MARY K. POLSON (effective February 15, 2010)

Baker Act and Marchman Act Hearings North End and South End 100%

Pro Se Family Law-North End and South End 100%

Family Law Post Judgment- North End and South End 100%

Dependency Drug Court – North End and South End 100%

DRUG COURT - Judge Jim Ward.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT - Judge Patricia S. Grinsted

CHILD SUPPORT HEARINGS

The Child Support Hearing Officer will hear all North and South End child support cases.

BAKER ACT AND MARCHMAN ACT -

JUDGE T. PATTERSON MANEY – North End and South End 100%

Should Judge Maney be unavailable to review Petitions for Ex Parte Orders in Baker Act or Marchman Act Cases, such shall be handled by the Duty Judge.

FIRST APPEARANCES, SHELTER AND DETENTION HEARINGS:

First Appearances for regular workdays will be handled by the three county court judges on a rotation schedule. If the scheduled county judge is not available for first appearances, that duty will fall to the county judge next scheduled on the rotation list, followed by the third county judge on the rotation list, if necessary. If a county judge is not available, the Duty Judge will perform these functions, either by video or in person, at the judge's option. The Duty Judge will conduct first appearances on weekends and holidays.

The juvenile judges will conduct detentions and shelter hearings scheduled during the weekdays. If neither juvenile judge is available during weekdays, the Duty Judge will handle all detentions and shelter hearings. The Duty Judge will handle all detentions and shelter hearings on the weekends and holidays.

DONE AND ORDERED in Shalimar, Okaloosa County, Florida, this (see original for date of signing), 2010.

Signed by: William Stone, Administrative Judge