

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR WALTON COUNTY FLORIDA**

**Administrative Directive 2011-01  
(Vacates Administrative Order 2005-02)**

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 44.108, Florida Statutes has been amended to provide for the funding of mediation and arbitration and instructs the clerk of court as to the collection fees for deposit in the state courts' Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund; it is

**ORDERED** that a filing fee of \$1.00 is levied on all proceedings in the Circuit or County Courts to fund mediation and arbitration services; and, the party filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage shall pay **Two Hundred Forty (each party pay half \$120.00 each)** dollars if the parties' combined gross income is greater than \$50,000.00 but less than \$100,000.00 per year; and **One Hundred Twenty (each party pay half \$60.00 each)** dollars if the parties' combined gross income is less than \$50,000.00 per year. However, if simultaneously with the filing of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, the parties file a Stipulation Agreement signed by both parties, the \$240.00 or \$120.00 fee shall be waived. The Petition will not be accepted for filing until such time as the mediation fees are paid.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011, at DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida.

/S/ KELVIN C.WELLS  
**KELVIN C. WELLS**  
**Administrative Judge Walton County**

Conformed copies to:  
All Circuit and County Judges, Walton County  
Honorable Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court Walton County  
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