

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE WCAD 2005-02

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

WHEREAS, §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 of 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 **One Hundred Sixty dollars (\$160.00)** if the parties' combined gross income is greater than \$50,000.00 per year; and **Eighty dollars (\$80.00)** if the parties' combined 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 \$160.00 or \$80.00 fee shall be waived. The petition will not be accepted for filing until such time as the mediation fees are paid.

DONE AND ORDERED at DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida, this 15th day of April, 2005 (*nunc pro tunc* July 1, 2004).

Signed by: Kelvin Wells, Administrative Judge