

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS IN AND FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Administrative Order No. 2023-24

**IN RE: Transfer of Paper Pre-1936 Escambia County Court Records to the
University of West Florida Archives Library**

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller is in possession of paper historical Escambia County court records pre-dating 1936 listed on the attached Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller has digitally imaged all court records listed on Exhibit A and those electronic court records will remain in the possession of the Escambia County Clerk of Court and Comptroller;

WHEREAS, all paper historical court records pre-dating 1936 have been reviewed and confidential information has been redacted to comply with Rule 2.420, *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*;

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Archives Library has large research collections, totaling over 800 collections and 1.8 million items, for the use of university students and researchers;

WHEREAS, the paper historical court records would provide a comprehensive archive library of Escambia County court documents for use by researchers and University of West Florida students;

WHEREAS, Rule 2.410, *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*, provides that no person other than judges and authorized court employees may remove court records from the Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller except by order of the chief judge upon a showing of good cause, and good cause having been shown;

NOW, THEREFORE; pursuant to the authority of the Chief Judge under Rule 2.215(b) of the *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the pre-1936 Escambia County paper court records currently in the possession of the Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller shall be transferred to the University of West Florida Archives Library.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 4th day of August, 2023.

//s// John L. Miller
JOHN L. MILLER
CHIEF JUDGE

Copies provided to:

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