

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-29
[Supersedes IN PART Amended Administrative Order 2024-18]**

IN RE: Escambia County Family Law Caseload Assignments

Pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the Chief Judge has the authority to establish case management strategies for the efficiency of docket control, and

Pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(4), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the Chief Judge shall assign judges to the courts and divisions, and shall determine the length of each assignment, it is HEREBY,

ORDERED as follows as to Family Law Cases (excluding Domestic Violence Cases):

1. **Effective August 1, 2025**, the Escambia County Clerk of Court shall assign all new cases, on an alternating basis, to either Division L or P.
2. If any existing closed cases assigned to Division M or YM are re-opened to active status, the case shall be reassigned, on an alternating basis, to either Division L or P.
3. Magistrate Michelle Inere remains assigned to Division YL. In any YL case in which a party objects to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate, the case shall be assigned to Division L.
4. Magistrate Keith McIver remains assigned to Division YP. In any YP case in which a party objects to the assignment of the case to the Magistrate, the case shall be assigned to Division P.
5. The judge assigned to Division L shall be responsible for referring cases to the General Magistrate in YL. The ratio of cases assigned to Division YL by Division L shall not exceed 40% of Division L cases.
6. The judge assigned to Division P shall be responsible for referring cases to the General Magistrate in YP. The ratio of cases assigned to Division YP by Division P shall not exceed 40% of Division P cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows as to Domestic Violence Cases:

1. **Effective August 1, 2025**, each Escambia County Court Judge shall preside in Division DV on a rotating basis. Juvenile Judges (Division G and H) shall also serve in the rotation for Division DV.

2. Petitions for injunctions against domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, and stalking shall be assigned to each division as is appropriate in the DVI Duty Week.
3. During any week a judge is assigned to consider petitions for injunctions, the judge shall be available during normal business hours to consider the petitions presented by the Clerk of Court.
4. If upon the filing of a new family law case, the Clerk of Court finds it is related to a domestic violence case assigned to Division DV, G, or H, the Clerk shall assign the newly filed case, on an alternating basis, to either Division L or P.

DONE AND ORDERED at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 22nd day of July, 2025.

/s/ John F. Simon, Jr.
JOHN F. SIMON, JR.
Chief Judge

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