

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE 2026-06

(Vacates Administrative Directives 2026-05, 2026-04, 2024-07, 2024-03, 2023-01, 2022-11, 2022-10, 2022-09, 2022-08, 2022-07, 2022-05, 2022-01, 2021-02, 2020-09, 2020-07, and 2020-06 and Administrative Order 2021-19)

IN RE: CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

Rule 2.215(b)(3), *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*, requires the Chief Judge to develop a plan “compatible with the development of the capabilities of the judges in such a manner that each judge will be qualified to serve in any division, thereby creating a judicial pool from which judges may be assigned to various courts through the state.”

The undersigned was appointed as Administrative Judge in Escambia County in AO2025-27 and is acting under the authority of the Chief Judge. It is

ORDERED as follows:

Effective January 1, 2027, the following Circuit Judges shall be assigned to preside in the following divisions in Escambia County:

A. Criminal Divisions:

1. The Honorable Thomas Williams shall be assigned to preside in Division “A.”
2. The Honorable Jennifer J. Frydrychowicz shall be assigned to preside in Division “B.”
3. The Honorable Stephen A. Pitre shall be assigned to preside in Division “C.”
4. The Honorable R. Todd Harris shall be assigned to preside in Division “E.”
5. The Honorable Stephanie White shall be assigned to preside in Division “F.”
6. The Honorable John L. Miller shall be assigned to preside in Division “J.”
7. The Honorable Jennie M. Kinsey shall be assigned to preside in Division “K.”
8. The Honorable John F. Simon, Jr. shall be assigned to preside Division “N.”

B. Civil Divisions:

1. The Honorable Thomas Williams shall be assigned to preside in Division "A."
2. The Honorable Stephen A. Pitre shall be assigned to preside in Division "C."
3. The Honorable R. Todd Harris shall be assigned to preside in Division "E."
4. The Honorable Stephanie White shall be assigned to preside in Division "F."
5. The Honorable John L. Miller shall be assigned to preside in Division "J."

C. Probate/Guardianship and Mental Health Divisions:

1. The Honorable John F. Simon, Jr. shall be assigned to preside in Division "R."
2. The Honorable Jennifer J. Frydrychowicz shall be assigned to preside in Division "T."
3. The Honorable Jennie M. Kinsey shall be assigned to preside in Division "U."

D. Family Divisions:

1. The Honorable Matthew Gordon shall be assigned to preside in Division "L."
2. The Honorable Paul Bailey shall be assigned to preside in Division "P."

E. Juvenile Divisions:

1. The Honorable Coleman L. Robinson shall be assigned to preside in Division "G."
2. The Honorable Amy P. Brodersen shall be assigned to preside in Division "H."

F. Veterans Court

1. The Honorable Jennie M. Kinsey shall be assigned to Veterans Court – Division "XA."

G. TEAM Court

1. The Honorable Kristina Lightel shall be assigned to TEAM Court – Division "Q."

H. County Court Divisions:

1. The Honorable Charles P. Young shall be assigned to preside in Division "1."
2. The Honorable Kerra A. Smith shall be assigned to preside in Division "2."
3. The Honorable Barry E. Dickson, Jr., shall be assigned to preside in Division "3."
4. The Honorable Scott Ritchie shall be assigned to preside in Division "4."
5. The Honorable Kristina Lightel shall be assigned to preside in Division "5."

I. ORDERS VACATED

By virtue of these assignments, the following Escambia County Administrative Directives are vacated:

2026-05, 2026-04, 2024-07, 2024-03, 2023-01, 2022-11, 2022-10, 2022-09, 2022-08, 2022-07, 2022-05, 2022-01, 2021-02, 2020-09, 2020-07, and 2020-06.

By virtue of these assignments, the following Administrative Order is vacated:

2021-19.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers this 1st day of October, 2026, at Pensacola, Florida.

/s/ Jennie M. Kinsey
JENNIE M. KINSEY
Administrative Judge

Copies furnished to:

All Judges, Escambia County

Santa Rosa County Administrative Judge, J. Scott Duncan

Okaloosa County Administrative Judge, William F. Stone

Walton County Administrative Judge, Ryan Love

Trial Court Administrator, Kasey R. Watson

Honorable Pam Childers, Escambia County Clerk of Court

Honorable Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney

Honorable Bruce Miller, Public Defender

Honorable Candice Brower, Regional Counsel, Office of Criminal Conflict
and Civil Regional Counsel

Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association

Okaloosa Bar Association

Walton Bar Association

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