

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE 2026-07

IN RE: 2027 REASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES

Rule 2.215(b)(3), *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*, requires the Chief Judge to ensure “the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit considering available resources.”

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, civil cases shall be reassigned as follows:

A. PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED CASES

A number of cases have been previously assigned to the new civil divisions based on the need to avoid delay. A chart of these cases will be provided to the Clerk of the Court, and the Clerk shall assign the cases on the chart to the division noted. (A copy of the chart is available to the public upon request from Court Administration.)

B. REMAINING CASES

To evenly distribute cases the Clerk of Court shall assign any remaining open and reopened cases (those not previously assigned in the chart) as follows:

Division A - existing cases with case numbers ending in 1 or 5.

Division C - existing cases with case numbers ending in 2 or 6.

Division E - existing cases with case numbers ending in 3 or 7.

Division F - existing cases with case numbers ending in 4 or 8.

Division J - existing cases with case numbers ending in 0 or 9.

C. FUTURE CASES

All cases opened beginning January 1, 2027, shall be assigned randomly and equally to all five civil divisions, with each receiving 20% of the cases.

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

/s/ Jennie M. Kinsey

JENNIE M. KINSEY
Administrative Judge

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All Judges, Escambia County
Santa Rosa County Administrative Judge, J. Scott Duncan
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CHART IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM COURT ADMINISTRATION