

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-19

**IN RE: CREATION OF CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION “B” and
ESCAMBIA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL
ASSIGNMENTS - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022**

ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3), *Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration*, the undersigned Chief Judge has the authority to establish case management strategies for the efficiencies of docket control; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215(b)(4) provides that the Chief Judge shall assign judges to the courts and divisions; and

WHEREAS, civil and criminal matters have previously been assigned to the general jurisdiction divisions in Escambia County, and it has been determined that a change to the divisional structure is required;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A court division is created in and for Escambia County, Florida, which shall be designated Circuit Court Division “B.”
2. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Jan Shackelford shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Civil Division “E-Civil”.
3. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Thomas Dannheisser shall

be assigned to preside in Escambia Civil Division “F-Civil”.

4. Effective January 3, 2022, the judge named for the newly created circuit judge position in the First Judicial Circuit will be assigned to preside in Escambia Civil Division “N-Civil” as soon as he or she is selected.
5. The cases currently assigned to Civil Divisions “A” and “J” will be redistributed among Divisions “E-Civil,” “F-Civil,” and “N-Civil” in late 2021 and reassigned effective January 3, 2022.
6. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Jennie Kinsey shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Criminal Divisions “C” and “J” .
7. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Linda L. Nobles shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Criminal Divisions “B” and “F”.
8. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Coleman L. Robinson shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Criminal Divisions “A” and “K”.
9. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge John F. Simon shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Criminal Divisions “E” and “N”.
10. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge Gary Bergosh shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Family Law Division “M.”
11. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge W. Joel Boles shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Mental Health Division “R.”
12. Effective January 3, 2022, Escambia Circuit Judge W. Joel Boles shall be assigned to preside in Escambia Probate Divisions “U” and “T”.

13. All other circuit court division assignments will remain the same.
14. Upon reassignment in January 2022, judges moving to new divisions **shall not** retain any cases from the division to which they are currently assigned without the express permission of the Chief Judge or the Administrative Judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Escambia County, Florida this 22nd day of July, 2021.

/S/ JOHN L. MILLER
JOHN L. MILLER, CHIEF JUDGE

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