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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 91-3

IN RE: **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS**
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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WHEREAS, Rule 2.050(b)(4) of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, states that the Chief Judge shall assign Judges to the Courts and Divisions, and shall determine the length of each assignment; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire on the part of the Chief Judge-Elect to modify the current assignment policy that is currently in effect; it is therefore,

ORDERED THAT:

The following Circuit Court Assignments shall become effective on July 1, 1991;

I. **FRANKLIN COUNTY**
J. LEWIS HALL, JR. - is assigned to all Circuit Criminal, Civil, Juvenile, and Probate cases.

II. **GADSDEN COUNTY**

A. Criminal Division - JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE is assigned all Circuit cases, including Criminal appeals from County Court.

B. Civil Division - JUDGE PHILIP J. PADOVANO is assigned to all Circuit Civil cases, including Civil appeals from County Court.

C. Probate Division - JUDGE PHILIP J. PADOVANO is assigned to all Probate cases.

D. Juvenile Division

(1) JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE is assigned to all Delinquency cases.

(2) JUDGE PHILIP J. PADOVANO is assigned to all Dependency cases.

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III. **JEFFERSON COUNTY** - JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY is assigned to all Criminal, Civil, Juvenile and Probate cases.

IV. **LEON COUNTY**

A. CRIMINAL DIVISION

(1) JUDGE WILLIAM L. GARY is assigned to Division A and is designated as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division.

(2) JUDGE N. SANDERS SAULS is assigned to Division B.

B. CIVIL DIVISION

The following Judges are assigned to the Civil Division in Leon County and shall handle the specified percentage of Leon County cases (excluding Child Support):

(1) JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY - 18.2%

(2) JUDGE J. LEWIS HALL, JR. - 13.6%

(3) JUDGE GEORGE S. REYNOLDS, III - 27.3%

(4) JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH, JR. - 27.3%

(5) JUDGE F. E. STEINMEYER, III - 13.6%

All Leon County Child Support (including Paternity and URESA) cases shall be distributed proportionately to the following Judges:

(1) JUDGE J. LEWIS HALL, JR.

(2) JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE

(3) JUDGE GEORGE S. REYNOLDS, III

(4) JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH, JR.

(5) JUDGE F. E. STEINMEYER, III

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County Court Civil Appeals shall be proportionately assigned to JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH, JR. and JUDGE GEORGE S. REYNOLDS, III.

JUDGE J. LEWIS HALL, JR. shall be designated as Administrative Judge of the Circuit Civil Division.

C. Probate Division - JUDGE JOHN E. CRUSOE is assigned to all Probate cases.

D. Juvenile Division - JUDGE JOHN E. CRUSOE is assigned all Juvenile cases.

V. **LIBERTY COUNTY**

A. JUDGE PHILIP J. PADOVANO is assigned to all Liberty County Civil, Probate and Juvenile Dependency cases (including Civil appeals from County Court).

B. JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE is assigned to all Criminal Division and Juvenile Delinquency cases (including Criminal appeals from County Court).

VI. **WAKULLA COUNTY**

A. JUDGE F. E. STEINMEYER, III is assigned to all Wakulla County Civil, Criminal, Probate and Juvenile cases.

VII. **MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS**

A. **Computer Planning and Coordination**:

JUDGE THOMAS H. BATEMAN, III is designated as the Computer Planning and Coordination Judge responsible for making recommendations to the Chief Judge on Automation issues including computer hardware, software, budgeting and installation such equipment. Judge Bateman shall serve as a representative and spokesman for the Judiciary on various committees and meetings in the Automation area.

B. **Emergency Matters**:

All Circuit and County Judges in Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin Counties are hereby cross-assigned to preside over any emergency within their individual counties or assignments at the Circuit or County jurisdictional levels.

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C. **County Judge Back-Up Policy**:

County Judges may be utilized, on a temporary basis, to provide back-up support for Circuit Judges in each of the respective counties. County Judges shall not be utilized, on a permanent basis, to handle either Contested Dissolution or Child Support and Enforcement cases.

VIII. Administrative Order 90-08 in Re: Circuit Court Judge Assignments, Second Judicial Circuit, dated January 30, 1990 and Amendments to Administrative Order 90-08 dated March 12, 1990 and December 21, 1991 are hereby terminated.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 6th day of May, 1991.

WILLIAM L. GARY
ACTING CHIEF JUDGE

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