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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 93-07

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 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, 1993:

I. **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY - is assigned to all Circuit Criminal, Civil, Juvenile, and Probate cases.

II. **GADSDEN COUNTY**

A. Criminal Division - JUDGE WILLIAM L. GARY is assigned all Circuit cases, including Criminal appeals from County Court.

B. Civil Division - JUDGE N. SANDERS SAULS is assigned to all Circuit Civil cases, including Civil appeals from County Court.

C. Probate Division - JUDGE N. SANDERS SAULS is assigned to all Probate cases.

D. Juvenile Division - JUDGE WILLIAM L. GARY is assigned to all juvenile cases.

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III. **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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

IV. **LEON COUNTY**

A. CRIMINAL DIVISION

(1) JUDGE J. LEWIS HALL is assigned to Section 1.

(2) JUDGE PHILIP PADOVANO is assigned to Section 2.

B. CIVIL DIVISION

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

(1) JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY

(2) JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH, JR.

(3) JUDGE F. E. STEINMEYER, III

All Leon County, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Child Support (including Paternity and URESA) cases shall be distributed proportionately to the following Judges:

(1) JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE

(2) JUDGE GEORGE S. REYNOLDS, III

County Court Civil Appeals shall be proportionately assigned to JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY, JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH, JR., and JUDGE F.E. STEINMEYER.

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

D. Juvenile Division - JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE is assigned all Juvenile cases.

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E. Family Law Division:

The following judges are assigned to the Family Law Division in Leon County:

1. JUDGE JOHN E. CRUSOE
2. JUDGE GEORGE S. REYNOLDS, III

Case shall be distributed proportionately to the above Judges.

The jurisdiction of Family Law Division shall include the following categories of cases: Dissolution of Marriage, Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Child Custody and Support, URESA, Domestic Violence, Repeat Violence, Name Changes, Adoptions, Paternity Suits, Parental Responsibility, Separate Maintenance, Annulment, and Modification Proceedings.

V. LIBERTY COUNTY

A. JUDGE N. SANDERS SAULS is assigned to all Liberty County Civil and Probate cases (including Civil appeals from County Court).

B. JUDGE WILLIAM L. GARY is assigned to all Criminal Division and Juvenile cases (including Criminal appeals from County Court).

VI. WAKULLA COUNTY

A. JUDGE L. RALPH SMITH is assigned to all Wakulla County Civil, Criminal, Probate and Juvenile cases.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

A. Administrative Judges:

The following Judges are appointed as Administrative Judges in the respective divisions:

1) JUDGE J. LEWIS HALL - Criminal Division

2) JUDGE P. KEVIN DAVEY - Civil Division

3) JUDGE GEORGE REYNOLDS, III - Family Law Division

4) JUDGE JOHN E. CRUSOE - Probate

5) JUDGE CHARLES D. MCCLURE - Juvenile Division

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B. **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 of such equipment. Judge Bateman shall serve as a representative and spokesman for the Judiciary on various committees and meetings in the Automation area.

C. **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.

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

1) County Judges may be utilized, on a temporary basis, to provide back-up support for Circuit Judges in each respective county. County Judges shall not be utilized on a permanent basis to handle either contested dissolution or child support and enforcement cases.

2) All Leon County Judges are hereby designated as back-up judges to the Probate Division Judge for the purpose of handling emergency Myers and Baker Act cases.

VIII. Administrative Order 91-3 in Re: Circuit Court Judge Assignments, Second Judicial Circuit, dated May 6, 1991 and all Amendments to Administrative Order 91-3 are hereby terminated.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 1 day of JULY, 1993.

PHILIP PADOVANO
CHIEF JUDGE

CC: All Second Circuit Clerks
of the Court

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