



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2020-00-01

**RE: MANDATORY E-FILING FOR PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF
TO DUTY JUDGE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, Rule 2.215(b) (3), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, directs the chief judge to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit.

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court's goal is to achieve a fully electronic court system by transitioning from permissive to mandatory electronic filing.

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit has utilized the E-Duty Judge System on a voluntary basis since November 2019.

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit has utilized a nearly identical platform for the submission of E-warrants since 2016.

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit has a need to expedite the handling of certain petitions for emergency relief, which include: Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence, Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence, Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence, Petition Seeking Ex Parte Order Requiring Involuntary Examination, Petition for Involuntary Substance Abuse Assessment and Stabilization, and Petition for Risk Protection Order, referred to as "Petitions for Emergency Relief".

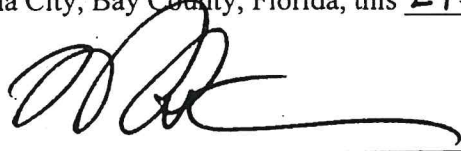
WHEREAS, in the interests of speedy, efficient and proper administration of justice, the court is transitioning to electronic submission of Petitions for Emergency Relief with the goal of having all such petitions processed via the E-Duty Judge System and that paper submissions will end.

ACCORDINGLY, it is adjudged that the clerk of court, upon receipt of a Petition for Emergency Relief, shall direct the petition to the duty judge through the E-Duty Judge System. The duty judge will return an order on the Petition to the submitting clerk also via the E-Duty Judge System. If the submitting clerk has not received a signed order from the duty judge within one hour of submission of a petition, or prior to the close of business, whichever occurs first, the clerk shall contact the duty judge's judicial assistant or the circuit judge's receptionist in Bay

County to inquire regarding the status of the order. In any event, the submitting clerk shall not leave for the business day until the clerk has received an order regarding the submitted petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 27th day of January, 2020.



HON. CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE



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BILL KINSAUL CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Wendy Wells
Deputy Clerk