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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
PIEDMONT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BANKS, BARROW, AND JACKSON COUNTIES**

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REGINA B. MCINTYRE, CLERK

IN RE ORDER PROVIDING FOR METHOD OF CASE ASSIGNMENT

After considering several methods of work division and case assignment, the undersigned have concluded that the method herein described is best suited and it is hereby adopted for the Superior Courts of Banks, Barrow, and Jackson Counties pursuant to Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.1.

Capital cases will be assigned on a case by case basis by the Chief Judge.

Adoption cases will be assigned alphabetically according to the last name of the petitioner. In cases of multiple petitioners, the case will be assigned according to the first letter of the last name of the petitioner whose name begins with the letter closest to the letter "A" in the alphabet.

Cases appealed from lower courts to the Superior Courts will be assigned according to the first letter of the last name of the defendant in the court below. In cases of multiple defendants, the case will be assigned according to the first letter of the last name of the defendant whose name begins with the letter closest to the letter "A" in the alphabet.

All other cases, criminal and civil, will be assigned alphabetically according to the first letter of the last name of the defendant. In cases of multiple defendants, the case will be assigned according to the first letter of the last name of the defendant whose name begins with the letter closest to the letter "A" in the alphabet.

In cases where there are fictitious or unknown parties, such as "John Doe" or "Jane Roe" the case will be assigned by the last name of the real entity. In cases where the last name is hyphenated, cases will be assigned according to the first letter of last name preceding the hyphenation mark.

The cases will be assigned according to the alphabetic key attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A." This order is to assist the clerks of court in the original assignment of cases to a particular judge. Nevertheless, this order will not preclude a subsequent assignment of a case to another Superior Court Judge if both the original judge and the succeeding judge agree to the transfer in writing or it is required by Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.2. The clerk is directed to change the suffix or prefix to reflect the newly assigned judge.

The assignment in each case will be designated with a clerk's docket number, and a suffix following the docket number which will designate the respective judge to whom the case is assigned:

- B - meaning assignment to Judge Joseph H. Booth
- M - meaning assignment to Judge Currie M. Mingleдорff, II
- W - meaning assignment to Judge Wayne McLocklin
- P - meaning assignment to Judge Nicholas Primm

Regardless of the original assignment, arraignments and negotiated pleas and sentences on newly arraigned cases may be heard by the judge presiding at arraignment day. Where a defendant is

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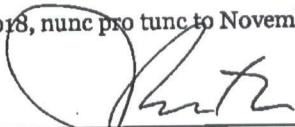
incarcerated, the judge presiding at any plea day, arraignment day, or calendar call may hear and decide a negotiated plea and sentence. Negotiated pleas, arraignments and initial bond hearings should be heard by the judge who first has a plea day or arraignment day following a defendant's incarceration. For probationers who are incarcerated, probation revocations shall be scheduled for status hearing on the first available plea day or revocation day following the defendant's incarceration before any superior court judge, and shall be set for hearing by that judge on the next reasonably available plea or revocation day. Where a defendant has filed a demand for speedy trial, any judge presiding may arraign the case or try the case or both.

Warrants and Rules Nisi may be signed by any judge.

Regardless of the original assignment, child support cases may be heard by the judge presiding at child support hearing days. Emergency Ex Parte Orders ancillary to relief in a divorce petition or other domestic relations action may be heard by any Superior Court Judge, but the temporary and subsequent hearings in the divorce case shall be set for hearing by the assigned judge. Ex Parte and other hearings on petitions for relief under the Family Violence Act may be heard by any superior court judge and such cases shall be assigned the letter FV. However, with uncontested divorce cases, name changes, uncontested adoptions, other uncontested matters, and default judgments, any superior court judge may hear or sign the final judgment without the consent of the originally assigned judge; this shall be done only in the instances previously described, and final hearings otherwise should be scheduled with the assigned judge.

This case assignment system shall become effective on Monday, November 19, 2018.

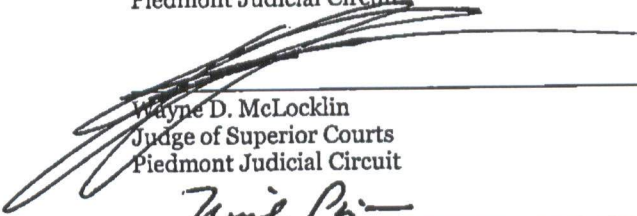
SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of December, 2018, nunc pro tunc to November 19, 2018.




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Chief Judge of Superior Courts
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Currie Minglehoff, II
Judge of Superior Courts
Piedmont Judicial Circuit



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EXHIBIT "A"

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