

**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-17

**IN RE: TRANSFER OF PENDING APPEALS FROM THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
TO THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL**

WHEREAS, Article V, section 5(b), Florida Constitution bestows circuit courts with jurisdiction of appeals when provided by general law; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature amended section 26.012(1), Florida Statutes, and repealed section 924.08, Florida Statutes, to remove circuit court jurisdiction over certain appeals of county court orders or judgments; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of these statutory changes is January 1, 2021; and

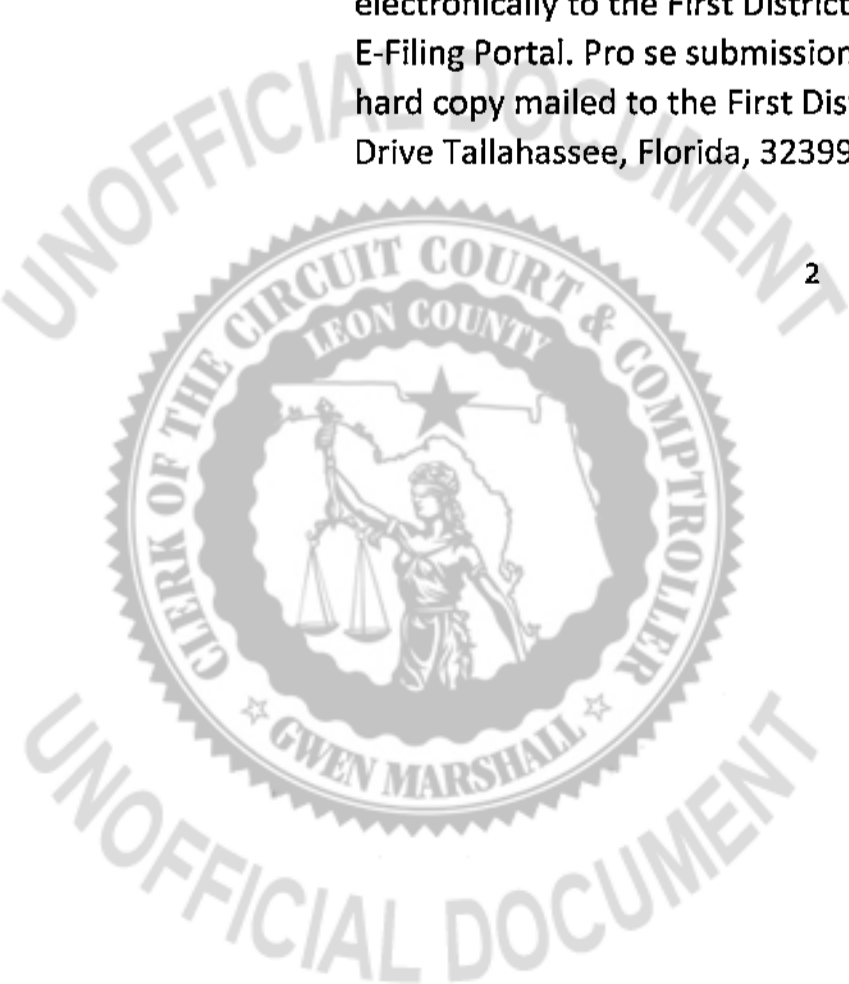
WHEREAS, the orderly transfer of cases is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Appeals listed in Attachment 1 are currently pending in the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties, Florida, and are transferred to the First District Court of Appeal effective January 1, 2021.
2. The Clerks of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties, Florida, shall docket this administrative order and provide notice to the attorneys and pro se parties identified with each appellate case that is to be transferred.
3. A subsequent amendment to this administrative order will update Attachment 1 by omitting cases that were disposed of prior to January



1, 2021, and including cases that were filed after this administrative order was signed.

4. No later than January 31, 2021, the appropriate Clerk of Court shall transfer via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal all documents on the docket of each appellate case to the Clerk of the First District Court of Appeal in the manner requested by the District Court.
5. For each transferred case, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall include (1) an Appeal Transfer Form substantially mirroring the form included with this order as attachment two; (2) a progress docket report for the circuit court appeal; and (3) the civil cover sheet from the underlying county court case.
6. The Clerk shall list on the Appeal Transfer Form the underlying county court case number (Uniform Case Numbering (UCN) System court types CC, CT, MM, and SC), the circuit appeal case number (UCN court type AP), and any local case number assigned in addition to the UCN numbers.
7. For transferred cases where the filing fee is owed, the Clerk of Court shall promptly file a status report with the First District Court of Appeal when the fee is satisfied by payment or indigency determination. In the event the fee has not been timely paid, the Clerk of Court shall promptly notify the First District Court of Appeal.
8. Any and all pending motions in each transferred case are hereby deferred to First District Court of Appeal.
9. Any future filings by a party to an appellate case shall be submitted electronically to the First District Court of Appeal via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. Pro se submissions may be filed via the portal or by hard copy mailed to the First District Court of Appeal at 2000 Drayton Drive Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0950.



10. If not already registered, attorneys in the transferred cases shall register with eDCA for the First District Court of Appeal by following the procedures on the District Court of Appeal's website at <https://www.1dca.org/>. Pro se parties are permitted, but not required, to register with eDCA to receive electronic access to case filings and electronic service of District Court acknowledgement letters, orders, opinions, and mandates.

ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 22nd day of December 2020.



JONATHAN SJOSTROM
Chief Judge

Attachments:

- 1 - List of Cases to be Transferred
- 2 - Appeal Transfer Form

Copies furnished to:

- All Circuit and County Judges, Second Judicial Circuit
- All Clerks of the Court, Second Judicial Circuit
- State Attorney, Second Judicial Circuit
- Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit
- Office of Court Administration, Second Judicial Circuit



**ATTACHMENT 1
LIST OF CASES TO BE TRANSFERRED**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

2020-AP-000001

GADSDEN COUNTY

None.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

None.

LEON COUNTY

2016-AP-000018

2018-AP-000031

2019-AP-000011

2019-AP-000025

2019-AP-000026

2019-AP-000029

2019-AP-000030

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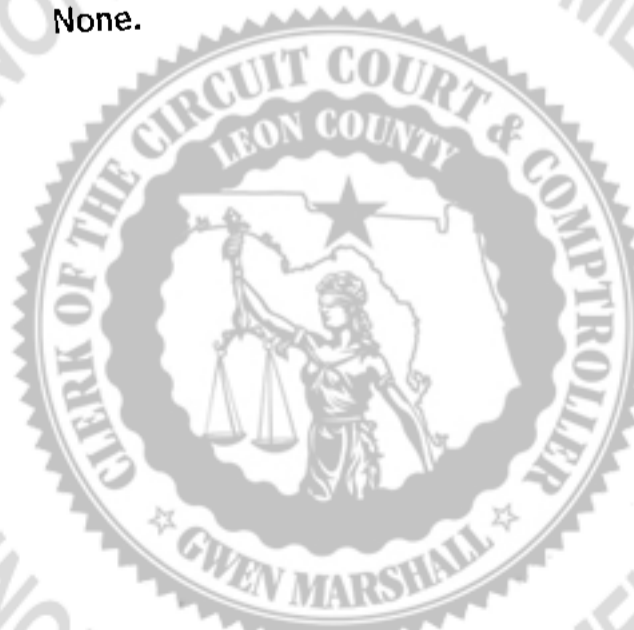
2020-AP-000024

LIBERTY COUNTY

None.

WAKULLA COUNTY

None.



**ATTACHMENT 2
APPEAL TRANSFER FORM**

Appellant(s)

County

v.

Appellee(s)

L.T. Case No.: _____

UCN No.: _____

Appeal Case No.: _____

UCN No.: _____

Progress docket for appellate case included.

Civil cover sheet for county court case included.

An appellate filing fee appears to be required

and has been paid.

but has not been paid.

but appellant has been determined to be indigent.

There is no filing fee in this type of proceeding (e.g.,
postconviction, habeas corpus).

Pending motions transferred with appeal.

Further comments that might be of value to the district court in
determining case classification and jurisdiction are:

Deputy Clerk
(Only initials needed)

