

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Administrative Order 2005-02

IN RE: COLLECTION OF MEDIATION FEES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 44.108, FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, Section 44.108, Florida Statutes has been amended to provide for the funding of mediation and arbitration and instructs the clerk of court as to the collection fees for deposit in the state courts' Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund; it is

ORDERED that a filing fee of \$1.00 is levied on all proceedings in the circuit or county courts to fund mediation and arbitration services; and, the party filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage shall pay **One Hundred Sixty (\$160.00)** dollars if the parties' combined gross income is greater than \$50,000.00 per year; and **Eighty (\$80.00)** dollars if the parties' combined gross income is less than \$50,000.00 per year. However, if simultaneously with the filing of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, the parties file a Stipulation Agreement signed by both parties, the \$160.00 or \$80.00 fee shall be waived. The Petition will not be accepted for filing until such time as the mediation fees are paid.

DONE AND ORDERED this the 15 day of April, 2005, at DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida (nunc pro tunc July 1, 2004).


KELVIN C. WELLS
Administrative Judge

Conformed copies to:
All Circuit and County Judges, Walton County
Honorable Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court, Walton County
Wayne Peacock, Court Administrator
Beth Blankenship, Senior Deputy Court Administrator
Okaloosa/Walton County Bar Association