

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

STANDING ORDER FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The House and Senate passed amendments to the Protection From Abuse Act, Act No. 2010-538. (the "ACT "). The Governor signed the ACT April 21, 2010. The ACT is effective July 1, 2010.

Bob Maddox, Legal Advisor for the Family Court Division, issued an opinion to all Circuit Judges and District Judges that the provisions of the revised ACT apply to all NEW petitions for protection from abuse filed after July 1, 2010. Mr. Maddox provided copies of the ACT, a synopsis of statutory changes, and new forms.

Effective July 1, 2010 all petitions filed under Title 30 Marital and Domestic Relations shall be shall be assigned and heard by the Circuit Judges handling marital and domestic relation cases in the sixth judicial circuit. Cases filed prior to July 1, 2010 shall continue to be handled by the judge that was assigned the case. The marital and domestic relations judges shall have full authority to handle all petitions filed under Title 30.

Should the Circuit Judges in the Marital and Domestic Relations division require additional judge to handle petitions under Section 30- 5-1 through 30-5-11 then they may petition the presiding judge of the circuit pursuant to the ACT for additional judges to handle petitions.

The Circuit Clerk shall enter this Order in the minutes of the Clerk.

Done and Ordered this the 1st day of July, 2010.

Charles R, Malone, Presiding Judge
6th Judicial Circuit