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7 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
8 OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FLATHEAD
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9 IN RE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL)
10 DISTRICT COURT RULES OF) ORDER AMENDING RULE 1
11 PRACTICE)
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13 Rule 1. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES: IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS:

15 A. The District Court is divided into Department Numbers 1, Judge Ted O. Lympus,
16 2, Judge Robert B. Allison, 3, Judge Heidi J. Ulbricht and 4, Judge David M.
17 Ortley.

18 All cases of every nature shall be assigned by the Clerk in a random manner in
19 equal numbers among the four departments.

20 Should a criminal defendant, youth in need of care or delinquent youth have a
21 second or subsequent case filed against him/her, the Clerk shall assign the new
22 case to the Department previously assigned to that person's case, or, in youth
23 court cases to the Department which has handled a former youth in need of care
24 case related to the same family.

25 If a Judge is currently handling a DA, DG, DR, DF, DN, or DJ case, and an
26 additional DA, DG, DR, DF, DN or DJ case is filed involving direct family
27 members, (ie: parent or child), the Clerk shall assign the new case to the
28 Department assigned to the previous case(s). Counsel are requested to alert the
Clerk of any previous cases that fall into this category.

Post-conviction relief cases shall be assigned to the Department which was
assigned to the underlying criminal case.

Protective Order matters shall be assigned to the department previously assigned
to the dissolution of marriage case, parenting case, paternity, or protective order
case between the same parties, if one exists.

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Motions to Consolidate. A motion to consolidate cases (civil and criminal) filed in different departments shall be filed in each case but will be heard before the judge presiding in the department having the oldest case and, if the cases are consolidated, the trial will also be conducted in that department.

Exceptions to this rule are in accordance with the practices and procedures of this court and as the Court determines.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2015.


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