

PRESS RELEASE August 29, 2005

Hurricane Katrina's impact on the courts of the First Judicial Circuit has been minimal. All courts were closed Monday, August 29, 2005. Re-openings are scheduled as follow:

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY:**

All courts will remain closed on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 but will re-open for business on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. All jurors scheduled to report on Monday, August 29, 2005 should report on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. to the M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building. All parties scheduled for hearings on August 31, 2005 should report as scheduled. Persons who missed a court appearance on August 29 or August 30, 2005 should contact their attorney immediately for rescheduling information. If you are not represented, you should contact the Clerk of Court for rescheduling information.

**OKALOOSA, SANTA ROSA and WALTON COUNTIES:**

All courts in these counties will re-open for business on Tuesday, August 30, 2005. Persons who missed a court appearance on August 29, 2005 should contact their attorney immediately for rescheduling information. If you are not represented, you should contact the Clerk of Court for rescheduling information.

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