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**Fourteenth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Calcasieu

Amended effective
October 29, 2009

One-Family/One-Judge Rule

Once a juvenile case has been allotted to a judge, any subsequent juvenile case filed involving the same juvenile, mother or father shall be allotted to the same judge handling the previous case.

If a juvenile case is filed and a domestic case is pending involving that juvenile, the juvenile case shall be assigned to the judge handling the domestic case. If a juvenile case is pending involving a juvenile, and a domestic case is filed involving the same juvenile, the domestic case will be assigned to the judge handling the juvenile case.

**East Baton Rouge Parish
Juvenile Court**

**Parish of East Baton
Rouge**

Amended effective August
25, 2016; amended
effective July 1, 2017;
amended effective January
17, 2020; amended
effective June 1, 2024.

Cases involving immediate family members shall be allotted to the same Division of Court. Once a juvenile has been randomly allotted to a Division of Court, any subsequent juvenile matters filed involving the same juvenile or the same immediate family shall be allotted to the same Division of Court, however, if ten (10) or more years has passed since case closure, defined as the last court appearance or filing in the case, then allotment of the new case shall be subject to the normal allotment rules.

Revised Effective June 1, 2024.

**Fortieth Judicial District
Court**

**Parish of St. John the
Baptist**

Effective May 11, 2012.

When a CINC case and a criminal case involve the same family, the involved judges may, on a case-by-case basis, confer to decide whether both matters should be allotted to a single judge.

**Orleans Parish Juvenile
Court**

Parish of Orleans

Updated January 1, 2019;
amended April 1, 2024.

A) Delinquency cases shall be consolidated with the first filed delinquency case (i.e., bearing the lower case number) in which the same defendant(s) is/are charged.

B) Open cases shall be consolidated after disposition so that review hearings can take place in all adjudicated cases by the same judge.

C) A defendant's case that has co-defendants shall be split after disposition and consolidated with the first filed delinquency petition of that defendant (bearing the lowest case number) so review hearings can take place with the defendant's other cases.

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