

TITLE IV
Chapter 24 - Procedure
Rule 24.1 - Prior or Multiple Filing of Pleadings
Appendix 24.1 - Court-Specific Rules Concerning Prior or Multiple Filing of Pleadings

**First Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Caddo

**Second Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Bienville,
Claiborne and Jackson**

**Third Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Lincoln and
Union**

**Fourth Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Morehouse
and Ouachita**

**Fifth Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Franklin,
Richland and West
Carroll**

**Sixth Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of East Carroll,
Madison and Tensas**

**Seventh Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Catahoula
and Concordia**

**Eighth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Winn

**Ninth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Rapides

**Tenth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Natchitoches

Amended March 1, 2018,
effective March 1, 2018.

Any family law proceeding filed, including petitions for protection from abuse, but excluding adoptions and any child support case brought by the State of Louisiana under Title IV-(A), (D), or (E) of the Social Security Act, La. R.S. 46:236.1, 42 U.S.C 651 (1975), as amended, shall be assigned the same docket number and division of any previously filed family law proceeding between the same parties. The only exception shall be in the instance of a divorce proceeding that has been adjudicated as abandoned, or is abandoned by operation of law, in which case the docket number shall be permanently retired.

**Eleventh Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Sabine

**Twelfth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Avoyelles

**Thirteenth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Evangeline

**Fourteenth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Calcasieu

Fifteenth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion

Amended October 30, 2015, effective October 1, 2015. Amended November 20, 2016, effective January 1, 2017.

The proceeding first docketed shall be the proceeding for all subsequent litigation in the case. Any subsequent filings shall be filed in said docket. Any subsequent suits between the same parties shall be given a new docket number and division, but shall be consolidated into the previous docket and division.

However, if the divorce and/or separation proceeding was pending in a Family Docket division and the case has been abandoned, the case shall be reallocated to a non-Family Docket division of the court if there are no longer any minor children born of, adopted or legitimated by the marriage.

Sixteenth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary

Seventeenth Judicial District Court

Parish of Lafourche

Adopted February 21, 2017, effective February 21, 2017.

1. Attorneys are required to comply with La. Dist. Court Rule 9.4 regarding Notice of Prior Filing or Multiple Filing, for any other proceedings involving the same family unit, whether family law, juvenile, domestic violence.

2. See Appendix 24.2 entry for 17th JDC, for allotment and One Family One Judge rules.

Eighteenth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge

Nineteenth Judicial District Court

Parish of East Baton Rouge

Family Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge

For the Parish of East Baton Rouge

**Twentieth Judicial
District Court**

**Parishes of East Feliciana
and West Feliciana**

**Twenty-First Judicial
District Court**

**Parishes of Livingston,
St. Helena and
Tangipahoa**

**Twenty-Second Judicial
District Court**

**Parishes of St. Tammany
and Washington**

**Twenty-Third Judicial
District Court**

**Parishes of Ascension,
Assumption and St.
James**

Amended November 30,
2015, effective January 1,
2016; amended effective
July 11, 2022.

PLEADINGS IN ALLOTTED CASES

All domestic pleadings or motions between the same parties or involving custody/visitation/support of any of the same children shall be allotted to the same division. Domestic pleadings shall include, but not be limited to, pleadings addressing protective orders, divorce, custody, paternity, child support, visitation, and adoptions.

Any new domestic pleading between the same parties or involving custody/visitation/support of any of the same children shall be manually allotted by the Clerk of Court to the division of court to which the original pleading was allotted and consolidated with the first case in conformity with this Appendix.

**Twenty-Fourth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Jefferson

Amended effective
February 1, 2022.

PLEADINGS IN ALLOTTED CASES

A. All pleadings or motions between the same parties filed in domestic cases must be filed in the first suit filed by either party.

The proceeding first filed shall be the proceeding for all subsequent litigation in the case.

1. Upon filing, the clerk shall certify whether there are prior domestic pleadings filed between the same parties.

2. Where there is an earlier case between the same parties the clerk of court shall transmit the earlier record to the court along with the new filing and conform to the requirements of the 24th JDC's Appendix 24.2.

B. When pleadings are filed in any new or ongoing matter within the authority and responsibility of the domestic hearing officer, the 24th JDC's Appendix 32.0B shall be complied with.

TRANSFER OF CASES

A. A domestic case which is allotted as a new case where a case already exists between the same parties shall be transferred to the division of court to which the original pleading was allotted and consolidated with the first filed case in conformity with this Appendix.

B. To achieve continuity of case management, and to avoid the appearance of forum shopping, this rule shall be applied so that subsequent but related cases remain with the division, domestic commissioner and domestic hearing officer to which they were first allotted and the parties appear before the same division, domestic commissioner and domestic hearing officer in all matters.

**Twenty-Fifth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Plaquemines

**Twenty-Sixth Judicial
District Court**

**Parishes of Bossier and
Webster**

**Twenty-Seventh Judicial
District Court**

Parish of St. Landry

**Twenty-Eighth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of LaSalle

**Twenty-Ninth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of St. Charles

**Thirtieth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Vernon

**Thirty-First Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Jefferson Davis

**Thirty-Second Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Terrebonne

**Thirty-Third Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Allen

**Thirty-Fourth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of St. Bernard

**Thirty-Fifth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Grant

**Thirty-Sixth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Beauregard

**Thirty-Seventh Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Caldwell

**Thirty-Eighth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Cameron

**Thirty-Ninth Judicial
District Court**

Parish of Red River

**Fortieth Judicial District
Court**

**Parish of St. John the
Baptist**

Civil District Court

Parish of Orleans

Criminal District Court

Parish of Orleans

**Forty-Second Judicial
District Court**

Parish of DeSoto
