

**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 – 10

IN RE: SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Florida mandated the establishment of a circuit pro bono committee in each judicial circuit by order entered June 23, 1993, to be effective October 1, 1993 (630 So.2d 501) (Fla. 1993); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such mandate the Second Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee was established by Administrative Order 93.09 entered on August 10, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial Circuit has a history of providing pro bono legal services to those citizens of the Circuit in need of such services; and

WHEREAS, the changes in the practice of law, especially the increased specialization of the practice, as well as significant changes in funding the delivery of pro bono legal services, have disclosed a great, immediate need for a reassessment of how pro bono legal services will be provided in the Second Judicial Circuit; the need to educate lawyers on the necessity for such services, as well as promoting the benefits to the general public that the delivery of pro bono services by lawyers in the Second Judicial Circuit provide on a regular and continuing basis through various entities, organizations and individual lawyer efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that such efforts by the legal community in the Second Judicial Circuit have the full support of the judiciary.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the directives of the Florida Supreme Court and pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge under Article V, § 2, Florida Constitution and § 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Second Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee membership is reconstituted as set forth in this order, and is reconvened.
2. The Committee shall be charged with the duty to reassess the pro bono legal services needs in the Second Judicial Circuit, and to plan, develop, prepare and administer a circuit-wide pro bono attorney plan to effectuate the purposes of Rule 4-6.5, Rules Regulating the Florida Bar.



3. The initial members of the reconvened Committee shall be those persons listed in Exhibit A. The Committee is encouraged to solicit additional committee members from organized legal services providers in the Second Judicial Circuit, including, but not limited to the Legal Aid Foundation (Foundation), Legal Services of North Florida (Legal Services), law firm programs such as provided by Holland & Knight, and governmental programs such as provided by the Office of City Attorney of Tallahassee, and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Florida. Members from each of the organized bar organizations in the Second Judicial Circuit should also be solicited and recommended for appointment to the Committee. Non-lawyer members should also be recommended for membership. All Committee members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge. The list of Committee members, as the same may change from time to time, shall be posted on the Second Judicial Circuit website.

4. The Committee shall have such duties and responsibilities as set forth in Rule 4-6.5(c), Rules Regulating the Florida Bar.

5. The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to fulfill its responsibilities, but not less than twice annually.

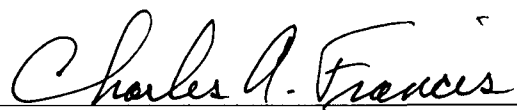
6. A copy of any plan developed by the Committee, and a copy of any written report required to be submitted to The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services shall be provided to the office of the Chief Judge.

7. The Honorable Barbara K. Hobbs is hereby designated as the Chief Judge's representative member on the Committee and shall serve as Chair of the Committee until such time as the Committee elects its Chair as provided by Rule 4-6.5(c), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

8. Administrative Order 1993-09 is hereby vacated and superceded by this order.

9. This order shall be effective immediately.

DONE and ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 31st day of December, 2013.



CHARLES A. FRANCIS
Chief Judge



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EXHIBIT "A"

