

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR
MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2.076

IN RE: SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRO BONO COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Florida mandated the establishment of a 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 Sixteenth Judicial Circuit created a voluntary pro bono attorney plan; and

WHEREAS, the changes in the practice of law, significant changes in the locale of the Monroe County legal services provider and the funding for the delivery of pro bono legal services, have disclosed a great need for a reassessment of how pro bono legal services will be provided in the 16th Judicial Circuit; the need to educate lawyers on the necessity for such services, and promoting the benefits to the general public that the delivery of pro bono services, by lawyers in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, provide on a regular and continuing basis through organizations, such as Legal Services of Florida Keys a/k/a (LSGMI) Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. as well as individual attorney efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that such efforts by the legal community in the Sixteenth 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 Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee is established as set forth in this order.
2. The Committee shall be charged with the duty to reassess the pro bono legal services needs in the Sixteenth 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 Committee shall be those persons listed in Exhibit A. 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 Sixteenth 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. The Committee has agreed to form separate subcommittees to address specific projects. 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. Circuit Judge Bonnie J. Helms 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. This order shall be effective immediately.

DONE and ORDERED in Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 13th day of May, 2016.



MARK H JONES
Chief Judge

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Exhibit "A"