

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:
16-37
SUPERSEDES 94-1

IN RE: ATTORNEYS - PRO BONO PLAN

In 1990 the Florida Supreme Court held that “every lawyer of this state who is a member of The Florida Bar has an obligation to represent the poor when called upon by the courts and that each lawyer has agreed to that commitment when admitted to practice law in this state.” *In Re Amendment to Rules Regulating the Florida Bar-1-3.1(a) and Rules of Judicial Administration-2.065 (Legal Aid)*, 573 So. 2d. 800, 806 (Fla 1990). Three years later, the Florida Supreme Court promulgated Rule 4-6.5(c) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar providing for the establishment of a pro bono committee in each circuit. *In Re: Amendments to Rules Regulating the Florida Bar-1-3.1(a) and Rules of Judicial Administration-2.065 (Legal Aid)*, 630 So. 2d 501 (Fla 1993).

Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit.”

Therefore in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by the Florida Rule Judicial Administration 2.215 and Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 4-6.5(c), it is ORDERED:

That the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit reconstitutes its Pro Bono Committee initially established in 1994.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP:

The Co-Chairs of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit’s Pro Bono Committee are Judge Lisa Davidson in Brevard County and Judge Melanie Chase in Seminole County, or their successors.

PURPOSE:

The Pro Bono Committee for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit shall endeavor to:

1. develop training and support for pro bono volunteers;
2. increase the availability of legal services to persons of limited means by recruiting pro bono volunteers and supporting pro bono programs in the Circuit;
3. improve the support offered to lawyers who provide pro bono legal services to the poor;
and
4. foster collaborative relationships to promote pro bono services within the Circuit.

COMPOSITION:

The Committee shall be comprised of the following members,
Co-chairs appointed by the Chief Judge;

BREVARD COUNTY

1. Executive Director or Designee, Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc.;
2. President or designee, Brevard County Bar Association;
3. President or designee, Brevard County Young Lawyers Division;
4. President or designee, Brevard County Association of Women Lawyers (BCAWL);
5. President or designee, Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court;
6. President or designee, Brevard Bar Foundation;
7. Director or designee, Brevard County Law Library;
8. Clerk of the Court or Designee, Brevard County; and
9. President or Designee, Brevard County Estate Planning Council.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

1. Executive Director or designee, Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society;
2. Officer or Board member, Seminole County Bar Association;
3. Officer or Board member, Seminole County Inn of Court;
4. President or designee, Seminole Women Lawyers;
5. Co-Chair's designee from membership, Seminole County Bar Association; and
6. Co-Chair's designee from membership, Seminole County Inn of Court.

The members of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit's Pro Bono Committee were determined from the list of voluntary bar associations, pro bono providers, and assistance providers with a presence or membership in Brevard County or Seminole County. If a member of the Pro Bono Committee becomes aware of another voluntary bar association, pro bono provider, or legal assistance provider with a presence or membership in Brevard or Seminole County that should have a representative on the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit's Pro Bono Committee, he or she shall provide this information to the Chairs of the Pro Bono Committee.

The Chairs may add additional members to the Pro Bono Committee as they determine to be fit and proper. An amended Administrative Order will not be necessary when new members are added.

MEETINGS:

Brevard County and Seminole County's Pro Bono Committees shall each meet at least quarterly in their respective counties to carry out the duties and responsibilities as set forth herein and pursuant to the applicable Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for setting the date, time and place of the meetings.

DONE AND ORDERED this 14th day of September, 2016.

JOHN D. GALLUZZO
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CHIEF JUDGE

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Brevard County Association of Women Lawyers (BCAWL)
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