

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1.13

**REGISTRY OF COURT-APPOINTED AND CRIMINAL CONFLICT ATTORNEYS**

In order to establish a registry of court-appointed and criminal conflict attorneys (“Registry”) for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida pursuant to Section 27.40, Florida Statutes and to provide a mechanism for these attorneys to seek attorney’s fees in excess of the statutory limits on such fees prescribed in Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, and the General Appropriations Act, where appropriate; It is therefore

**ORDERED:**

1. The Office of the Trial Court Administrator, on behalf of the Chief Judge, shall maintain the Registry required by Section 27.40, Florida Statutes.

2. The Chief Judge shall select attorneys for the Registry and determine whether to create limited registry lists in addition to general registry lists within the Registry. The Chief Judge may consult with Judges, other judicial officers, members of The Florida Bar, and any other party whom the Chief Judge deems appropriate, regarding Registry design, qualifications of applicants, and any other matters pertaining to the Registry.

3. To receive court appointments for legal representation within the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, private attorneys must be appointed to the Registry and execute a contract with the Justice Administrative Commission.

4. Private counsel shall be appointed from the Registry to represent persons in applicable cases when the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel is unable to provide representation due to a conflict of interest.

5. If a limited registry list is established for particular case categories, attorneys shall be appointed from that limited registry list on a rotation basis in the order that the

attorneys appear on the limited registry, unless the appointing judge makes a finding of good cause on the record for appointing a limited registry attorney out of order.

**6.** If none of the limited registry attorneys are available (or if there is no limited registry list for a particular case category), then and only then shall attorneys from the general registry be appointed in the order that the attorneys appear on the general registry list, unless the appointing judge makes a finding of good cause on the record for appointing out of order.

**7.** The Clerks of Court in the Eighth Judicial Circuit shall provide the appointing judges with the name of the limited registry attorney (or, if applicable, the general registry attorney) for each appointment.

**8.** Court-appointed private attorneys shall use forms approved by the judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as those forms may be amended from time to time. All currently approved forms may be found at [www.circuit8.org/court-appointed-counsel](http://www.circuit8.org/court-appointed-counsel).

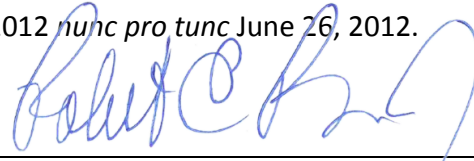
**9.** The Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida shall have one judge who is responsible for hearing all motions for attorneys' fees in excess of the limits prescribed in Section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, and the General Appropriations Act. That judge shall be the Chief Judge or his designee as designated in the general assignment order.

**10.** The original motion seeking excess fees shall be filed with the Clerk of Court using the trial case number. A copy shall be served on the Chief Judge or his designee.

**11.** This order supersedes and rescinds Administrative Order No. 1.470(H), "Registry of Court-Appointed and Criminal Conflict Attorneys", dated September 25, 2009, and Administrative Order No. 1.475, "Compensation for Court-Appointed Attorneys Which Exceeds the Statutory Limits", dated June 30, 2011.

This order renumbers and reformats prior Administrative Order No. 1.470(I) entitled "Registry of Court-Appointed and Criminal Conflict Attorneys."

**ORDERED ON** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012 *nunc pro tunc* June 26, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge