

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1.37

JURY SERVICE FEE DONATION

WHEREAS, section 40.24(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes judicial circuits to elect to allow jurors to donate their jury service fee upon conclusion of jury service to an organization specified by the Guardian ad Litem Program or to a domestic violence shelter; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to make this option available to jurors in each of the six counties within the Eighth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Clerks of the Court within the circuit have agreed to such a donation program, to be implemented at their discretion;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge by Article V, section 2, of the Florida Constitution; section 40.001, Florida Statutes; and, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215;

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Any Clerk of the Court within the Eighth Judicial Circuit may, at their discretion, implement a jury service fee donation program which complies with section 40.24(8), Florida Statutes.
2. Jurors in each of the counties within the circuit may irrevocably donate all of their compensation upon conclusion of their juror service to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program or to a domestic violence shelter specified annually on a rotating basis by the Clerk of the Court within the juror's county.
3. The Clerks of the Court are authorized to give written notice to jurors that at the conclusion of their service they have the option to donate their compensation, and that all

donated funds will be received by the Guardian ad Litem Program or the domestic violence shelter.

4. All donated funds will be transmitted to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program or to a domestic violence shelter on a periodic basis, not more than quarterly.

5. At the close of each fiscal year, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program, or the domestic violence shelter, and the Clerks' Offices shall provide an accounting of the donated juror compensation funds to the Chief Judge.

6. The Eighth Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program must expend such monies only on services for children for whom guardians ad litem have been appointed.

7. Administrative orders 1.33 (Alachua County Jury Service Fee Donation), 1.35 (Union County Jury Service Fee Donation), and 1.36 (Baker County Jury Service Fee Donation) are hereby rescinded and replaced by this administrative order effective immediately.

ORDERED ON this 26th day of September 2018.



Toby S. Monaco, Chief Judge