

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10.04

**APPOINTMENT OF COURT ACCESSIBILITY TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”) is a federal law that prohibits disability-based discrimination in the services, programs or activities of all state and local government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA requires that a public entity’s services, programs, and activities, when viewed in their entirety, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of architectural barriers is among those actions that state and local governments must take to ensure program accessibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction requires that all new construction and alterations to existing facilities be readily accessible for people with disabilities, as set forth in Chapter 11 of the Florida Building Code; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis has charged the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity, through a multi-year project, with building a coalition of the judiciary, clerks of court, counties, persons with disabilities, and other interested persons, and engaging them in a collaborative effort designed to facilitate practical enhancements to court facilities that will increase compliance with the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court Accessibility Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity will: (i) develop a facility survey instrument along with other tools and checklists, (ii) present regional training sessions to prepare Court Accessibility Teams for surveying court facilities and developing actions plans; (iii) explore opportunities for minimizing the financial impact of implementation, such as leveraging statewide buying power; (iv) develop strategies

to assist courts in avoiding mistakes during barrier removal; and (v) provide technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, Chief Justice Lewis has directed every chief judge to appoint a Court Accessibility Team to be responsible for conducting the surveys, developing an action plan, and assisting with implementation of the plan; It is therefore

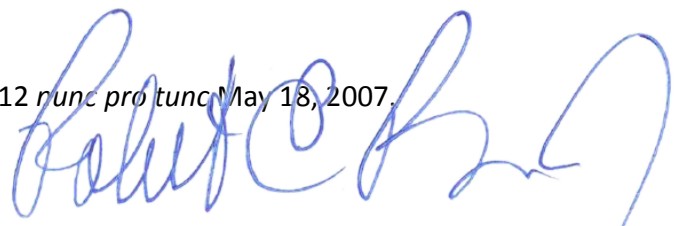
**ORDERED** that:

1. The Court Accessibility Team for the Eighth Judicial Circuit is hereby appointed, consisting of those persons listed on Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
2. The Court Accessibility Team will:
  - a. Participate in regional training sessions;
  - b. Survey all court facilities within this Circuit;
  - c. Develop an action plan;
  - d. Submit the completed surveys to the Court Accessibility Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity; and
  - e. Continue to work toward full accessibility of court facilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

This order renumbers and reformats prior Administrative Order No. 8.1085 entitled "Appointment of Court Accessibility Team."

**ORDERED ON** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012 *nunc pro tunc* May 18, 2007.



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge

**ATTACHMENT "A"**  
**EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE ACCESSIBILITY TEAM**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Phyllis Rosier, Team Leader	Circuit Judge	Eighth Judicial Circuit
Joe Gilliam, Alternate Team Leader	Clerk of Court	Gilchrist County
Jan Phillips	Court ADA Coordinator	Eighth Judicial Circuit - Court Administration
Karen Jordan	Court Operations Manager	Eighth Judicial Circuit - Court Administration
Joe Cone	County Manager	Baker County
David (DZ) Griffis	Facility Maintenance Director	Bradford County
Montez Carter	Administrative Assistant	Eighth Judicial Circuit, Public Defender's Office
Karen Cossey	County Commissioner	Union County
Wayne Williams	Human Resources	Levy County
Ida Rawls	Alachua County EEO Director	Alachua County
Michael Whiting	Guardian Ad Litem	Eighth Judicial Circuit
Charlie Jackson	Facilities	Alachua County
Erik Kasper	Architect	