

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10.12

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRO BONO COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, 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: Amendments 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), and

WHEREAS, Rule 4-6.5© of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar requires that a Pro Bono Committee be established in each judicial circuit. It is therefore

ORDERED:

1. A Pro Bono Committee of the Eighth Judicial Circuit is hereby established, which shall be comprised of the following members:

- a. The Chief Judge or designee.
- b. A representative of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association.
- c. A representative of Three Rivers Legal Services.
- d. A representative of the University of Florida Virgil D. Hawkins Civil Clinic.
- e. A representative of the Young Lawyers section of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association.
- f. A representative of the Josiah T. Walls Bar Association.
- g. A representative of the Federal Bar Association.
- h. A representative of the Clara Gehan Association for Women Lawyers.
- i. An eligible pro bono services client who is a resident of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, whom shall be selected by the Pro Bono Committee.

j. A public member who is a resident of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, whom shall be selected by the Pro Bono Committee.

2. The Pro Bono Committee shall provide oversight and direction of pro bono legal services for indigent persons in the counties of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

3. The representative of Three Rivers Legal Services shall be the Committee Chairperson. The Vice-Chair shall be nominated and elected by the Pro Bono Committee.

4. Three Rivers Legal Services Inc. is appointed as the Administrator of the Pro Bono Committee. The Committee has the authority to maintain or replace the Administrator at any time.

5. The Administrator shall handle the operational tasks for the Pro Bono Committee, which shall include but not be limited to; recruiting attorneys, matching attorneys and clients, collecting data on pro bono services provided, and organizing events. The Administrator shall also submit an annual report to the Committee no later than October 1, which includes an assessment of attorney participation in the pro bono program during the preceding year and a plan for carrying out the pro bono program for the coming year.

6. In meeting its responsibilities under Rule 4-6.5(c)(2) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, the Committee shall meet periodically during the year to consider and review the Administrator's work, oversee and allocate any funding, make recommendations regarding the community's needs, review the resources available to meet those needs, and develop a long-term plan to fulfill the legal profession's obligation to the community. The Committee shall submit an annual report to The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services.

ORDERED this 26th day of October, 2015.



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge