

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2014-07-A-04

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR ORANGE AND
OSCEOLA COUNTIES, FLORIDA

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
LOCAL PROFESSIONALISM PANEL MEMBER TERMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, to create and maintain an organization capable of effecting the efficient, prompt, and proper administration of justice for the citizens of this State, the chief judge is required to exercise direction, *see* Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(2), (b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Local Professionalism Panel is to receive, screen, evaluate and act upon such reasonable complaints of unprofessional conduct as may be referred to the Panel asserting improper behavior of attorneys who may have conducted themselves in contravention or disregard of the standards of professionalism as set forth in the Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar, The Florida Bar Creed of Professionalism, The Florida Bar Ideals and Goals of Professionalism, the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the decisions and administrative directives of the Florida Supreme Court, professional standards of the Osceola County Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association's Professionalism Guidelines and resolve those complaints informally, if possible, or refer the complaints to The Florida Bar, if appropriate or necessary; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of the attorneys who are the subject of such complaints shall be reviewed and addressed in a prompt, informal, respectful, non-punitive, educational and constructive manner, as may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Administrative Order No.2014-07-01 establishes staggered terms for each Panel Member, the specific term each Panel Member serves must also be established, with no Panel Member serving longer than six years, unless ordered otherwise by the Chief Judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick J. Lauten, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, hereby order, **effective immediately**, and to continue until further order, in accordance with Administrative Order No. 2014-07-01, and superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, that the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Local Professionalism Panel Member Terms are established as, and subject to the discretion of the Chief Judge:

1. The following Panel Members are appointed to a three year term, to expire June 30, 2017:

- Jeffrey D. Keiner, Esq., Chairperson
- Tad A. Yates, Esq., Vice-Chairperson
- Nikie N. Lomax, Esq., Paul C. Perkins Bar Association
- Nancy S. Weber, Esq., Central Florida Family Law American Inn of Court
- Wanda M. Reas, Esq., Greater Orlando Asian American Bar Association
- R. Lee Bennett, Esq., Orange County Bar Association Professionalism Committee

2. The following Panel Members are appointed to a two year term, to expire June 30,

2018:

- Barbara Leach, Esq., Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Brett R. Renton, Esq., Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
- Melvin Bowen Wright, Esq., American Board of Trial Advocates
- Christine E. Arendas, Esq., Osceola County Bar Association
- Katherine McGinnis, Esq., Orange County Bar Association Professionalism Committee
- Irene Pons Meyers, Esq., Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida

3. The following Panel Members are appointed to a one year term, to expire June 30,

2017:

- Lauren Heatwole, Esq., Orange County Bar Association Professionalism Committee
- Mark Horwitz, Esq., George C. Young Inns of Court
- Robert D. Holborn II, Esq., Osceola County Bar Association
- Millicent E. Daniels, Esq., at-large member appointed by the Chief Judge
- Suzanne E. Gilbert, Esq., at-large member appointed by the Chief Judge
- Lydia L. LaBar, Esq., at-large member appointed by the Chief Judge
- Frank A. Hamner, Esq., at-large member appointed by the Chief Judge

4. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2014-07-01, the Panel Members will screen and work to resolve individual referrals and cases in rotating groups of three (3) Panel Members to be selected by the Chairperson.

5. With the exception of the at-large members to be appointed by the Chief Judge, as the above-stated terms expire, or in the event a Panel Member is no longer able to serve, the Chairperson shall submit to the Chief Judge either the name of the Panel Member whose term expired to be named to a new term, not to exceed of total of six (6) years, or the name of a replacement. Upon approval of the Chief Judge, an administrative order shall issue appointing the Panel Member.

6. Administrative Order 2014-07-A-03 is vacated and set aside and has been incorporated and/or amended herein. Vacating an Administrative Order that vacates a prior Order does not revive the prior Order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2016.
Nunc pro tunc to July 1, 2016.

_____/s/_____
Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge

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