

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2011-22

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE**

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, pursuant to Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order dated June 11, 1998, the Chief Judges of each judicial circuit have been mandated to establish a Circuit Committee on Professionalism in order to implement the Florida Supreme Court's initiative on professionalism and to assist the Commission on Professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting professionalism, a circuit-wide Professionalism Committee will allow the bench and bar to effectively coordinate professionalism activities for lawyers and judges in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in order to encourage the highest standards of professionalism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the administration of justice, to foster the highest standards of

professionalism throughout the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and 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, that the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Professionalism Committee is established under the following:

1. **Committee Members** – The Professionalism Committee shall consist of the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, or the Chief Judge’s designee, the Chair and Co-chair of the Orange County Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee, the Orange County Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee members, and members of the Osceola County Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee.

The Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, or the Chief Judge’s designee, shall act as Co-chair of the Professionalism Committee along with the Chair of the Orange County Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee. As Co-chair of the Professionalism Committee, the Chair of the Orange County Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee shall keep the Chief Judge, or the Chief Judge’s designee, informed and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Professionalism Committee, as well as administering any seminars, other events, and all reports required by the Florida Supreme Court.

2. **Access** – All attorneys, judges, and other interested parties shall have the opportunity to suggest professionalism activities and other initiatives which promote, foster, and encourage professionalism within the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

3. **Meetings** – The Professionalism Committee shall hold regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at noon at the Orange County Bar Association Center, located at 880 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, Florida.

4. **Reports** – The Chair of the Orange County Bar Association’s Professionalism

Committee shall prepare and issue, with approval from the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, or the Chief Judge's designee, an annual report, each January, on the status of professionalism and professionalism activities to the Supreme Court's Chair of the Commission on Professionalism.

5. **Action** – The Professionalism Committee shall coordinate professionalism activities within the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

6. **Responsibility** – The Professionalism Committee is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that sufficient, appropriate and frequent professionalism activities take place in order to maintain the highest standards of conduct and professionalism throughout the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 25th day of October, 2011.

_____/s/_____
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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