

Resolution of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Adopting the Hillsborough County Medical-Legal Code

Whereas, the Hillsborough County Medical Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Association collaborated on and adopted a Medical-Legal Code in 1983 to promote better communication and understanding between physicians and attorneys in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and to establish guidelines for responsible, respectful and ethical interaction between lawyers and physicians and their patients in cases pending before the court; and

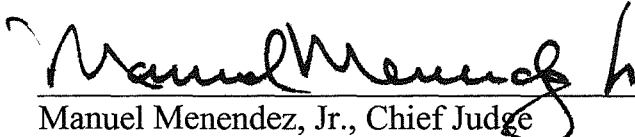
Whereas, the Hillsborough County Medical-Legal Code provides guidance to physicians and lawyers concerning the professional interaction of the medical and legal practices, primarily in civil cases, but also, where applicable, in other court divisions; and

Whereas, the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit believe the guidelines established in the Hillsborough County Medical-Legal Code set the standards for professional and courteous interaction between lawyers and physicians which must be met when proceeding through the judicial system; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough County Medical Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Association have recommended recent revisions to the Medical-Legal Code, including the establishment of a medical-legal helpline maintained by the Hillsborough County Bar Association as a resource for physicians who have questions about the judicial system as it affects their practices and their patients' interaction with the judicial system;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit hereby adopt the newly-revised Hillsborough County Medical-Legal Code established between the Hillsborough County Medical Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Resolved on this 6th day of February, 2014.


Manuel Menendez, Jr., Chief Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit