

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2010-059
(Supersedes Administrative Orders S-1993-133 and A-2010-058)**

PRO BONO SERVICE

In 1990, 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). Three years later, the Florida Supreme Court promulgated Rule 4-6.5(c) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar providing for the establishment of a pro bono committee in each judicial circuit. *In Re: Amendments to Rules Regulating The Florida Bar – 1-3.1(a) and Rules of Judicial Administration – 2.065 (Legal Aid)*, 630 So. 2d 501 (Fla. 1993). Since 1993, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee has adopted and implemented its comprehensive pro bono plan. Because the number of Bar committees, divisions, and sections and independent legal organizations has increased since 1993, it is necessary to update the composition of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee.

By the power vested in the chief judge under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is **ORDERED**:

1. Pro Bono Committee

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee (“Committee”) will continue to provide oversight and direction of *pro bono* legal services for the indigent in Hillsborough County.

2. Committee Leadership

The Honorable Ashley B. Moody, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, is appointed Chair of the Committee. The Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge, is appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Honorable James M. Barton, II, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, is appointed Immediate Past Chair of the Committee.

3. Composition of Pro Bono Committee

The Committee will be comprised of the following members:

- A. The Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit or the judge’s designee;
- B. Two representatives of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, one of whom should be a member of the board of directors and the other should be directly involved with the administration or organization of a Hillsborough County Bar Association pro bono event;
- C. One representative from each pro bono and legal assistance provider in the circuit;
- D. One representative from each of the voluntary bar associations within the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Tampa Bay

- ii. Brandon Bar Association
 - iii. Carrollwood Community Bar Association
 - iv. Federal Bar Association
 - v. George Edgecomb Bar Association
 - vi. Plant City Bar Association
 - vii. Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association
- E. One representative from each of the following Committees, Divisions, and Sections of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, including, but not limited to:
- i. Appellate Practice Section
 - ii. Community Services Committee
 - iii. Construction Law Section
 - iv. Corporate Counsel Section
 - v. Criminal Law Section
 - vi. Eminent Domain Section
 - vii. Environmental & Land Use Section
 - viii. Health Care Law Section
 - ix. Immigration & Nationality Section
 - x. Intellectual Properties Section
 - xi. Labor & Employment Section
 - xii. Marital & Family Law Section
 - xiii. Mediation & Arbitration Section
 - xiv. Military Liaison Committee
 - xv. Real Property, Probate & Trust Section
 - xvi. Securities Law Section
 - xvii. Senior Council Section
 - xviii. Solo Practitioners Section
 - xix. Tax Law Section
 - xx. Trial Lawyers Section
 - xxi. Workers' Compensation Section
 - xxii. Young Lawyers Division
- F. A representative of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers;
- G. A representative of the Guardian Ad Litem Program;
- H. A representative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court;
- I. A representative of Stetson University College of Law
- J. A representative of Bay Area Legal Services;
- K. A representative of the 5K Race to the Courthouse Committee;
- L. A public member; and
- M. A client member.

4. Administrator

The Committee will appoint or create a legally qualified entity (the "Administrator") to administer the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Plan. The Committee has the authority to maintain or replace the Administrator. The Committee is responsible for assisting the Administrator in providing legal representation or assistance to the indigent in accordance with the rules adopted by the Florida Supreme Court. Since 1993, the Administrator has been and continues to be Bay Area Legal Services.

5. Annual Report

The Administrator will submit an annual report to the Committee 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 in the coming year.

6. Committee Responsibilities

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


7. Previous Administrative Orders Superseded

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Orders S-1993-133 (*In Re: Pro Bono Service*) and A-2010-058 (*Pro Bono Committee Leadership Appointments*).

8. Effective Date

This administrative order is effective immediately.

It is ORDERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on this 17th day of August, 2010.


Manuel Menendez, Jr., Chief Judge

Original to: Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Copy to: The Honorable Ashley B. Moody, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge
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