



**IN THE COURTS OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
*Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties*  
**THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2017-00-03**  
(Rescinding Administrative Order 2008-00-05)

**RE: FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BENCH-BAR AND PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE**  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

**Whereas**, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order - *In Re: Establishment of Local Bench/Bar Committees*, entered on April 29, 1998, directed chief judges to establish bench/bar committee "to enhance communication, constructing problem solving, respect, and courtesy between judges and lawyers".

**Whereas**, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order - *In Re: Commission on Professionalism* directed chief judges to establish in continuous operation circuit committees on professionalism "to address issues of professionalism in order to improve the administration of justice; and to issue reports on status of professionalism in the circuit".

**Whereas**, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order 13-688- *In Re: Code for Resolving Professionalism Complaints* directed chief judges to create a local professionalism panel "to receive, screen and act upon any and all complaints of unprofessional conduct and to resolve those complaints informally, if possible, or refer to the Florida Bar if necessary".

**Whereas**, in said Administrative Orders, the Supreme Court explained that nothing precludes a chief judge from establishing a joint bench/bar and professionalism committee and designating the professionalism committee to serve as the local professionalism panel.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as chief judge by the Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215 and the aforementioned Florida Supreme Administrative Orders, and to foster the highest standards of professionalism throughout the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit,

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

**(1) The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Bench-Bar and Professionalism Committee shall**

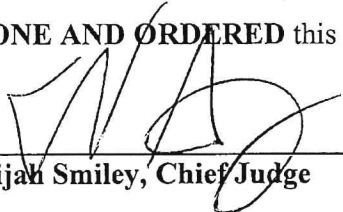
serve the functions of the bench-bar committee, the professionalism committee and the local professionalism panel.

(2) The committee shall be comprised of attorneys and judges appointed by the chief judge of the circuit.

Amendments, deletions, or additions to this administrative order shall be made as needed and shall remain effective until rescinded.

Administrative Order 2008-00-05 is hereby rescinded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this \_\_\_ day of July 3, 2017.

  
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Elijah Smiley, Chief Judge



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