



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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2023-00-08
(Rescinding Administrative Order #2019-00-08)

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A BENCH BAR COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

Whereas, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an administrative order In re: Establishment of Local Bench/Bar Committee on April 29, 1998, directing the Chief Judge of each individual Circuit to enter a local administrative order establishing a local Bench/Bar committee or committees, and convene regular meetings of the committee or committees; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Bench/Bar Committee is to enhance communication, constructive problem solving, respect and courtesy between judges and lawyers in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Whereas, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an administrative order In re: Commission on Professionalism directing 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, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an administrative order In re: Code for Resolving Professionalism Complaints directing 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 of Florida 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, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Bench/Bar and Professionalism Committee shall consist of Judges and attorneys designated by the

Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit to serve the functions of the bench/bar committee, the professionalism committee, and the local professionalism panel. The members of the Committee, who will serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the Circuit, shall be forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Order. The Bench/Bar Committee shall be effective beginning July 1, 2022.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, this 5th day of October, 2023, effective July 1, 2022, NUNC PRO TUNC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Patterson', written over a horizontal line.

CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE

| 14th Judicial Circuit Bench Bar & Professionalism Committee | | | |
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| Revised 7/13/2023 | | | |
| | Name, Address & Phone Number | Term of Appointment | Sub-Committee Assignment |
| 1 | Chris Butler | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Chair, Local Professionalism Panel |
| 2 | Nichole Pieper | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Local Panel |
| 3 | Douglas Smith | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Local Panel |
| 4 | Judge Roberts | | Local Panel |
| 5 | Todd Brister | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Local Panel |
| 6 | Matthew Fuqua | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Local Panel |
| 7 | Bob Pell | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Chair, Bench Bar Committee |
| 8 | Mike Grabner | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 9 | Samantha Butler | July 13, 2023-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 10 | Max McCord | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 11 | Laura Parish | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 12 | Alvin Peters | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 13 | Derek Blount | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 14 | Natausha Samuels | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 15 | open seat | | Bench-Bar |
| 16 | Julia Maddalena | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 17 | Al Sauline | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 18 | Cecilia Boyd | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Bench-Bar |
| 19 | Judge Patterson | | Chair, Professionalism Committee |
| 20 | Brian Leebrick | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Professionalism |
| 21 | Jason White | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Professionalism |
| 22 | Holly Melzer | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Professionalism |
| 23 | Maria Dykes | July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 | Professionalism |
| 24 | Judge Henry | | Bench-Bar |
| 25 | Judge Vann | | Bench-Bar |
| 26 | Judge Young | | Bench-Bar |
| 27 | Judge Collier | | Bench-Bar |



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