

# Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC16-34

IN RE: CRIMINAL COURT STEERING COMMITTEE

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Criminal Court Steering Committee (hereinafter the “Steering Committee”) was established for the purpose of developing expedited recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding changes required by legislative enactments, judicial decisions, or other events or circumstances involving criminal law matters.

During the next two years, the Steering Committee shall perform the following tasks, noting the strong connection between these issues and the goals in The Long Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch 2016-2021:

1. In support of Goal 1.5 (Encourage the use of consistent practices, procedures, and forms statewide), the Steering Committee shall recommend, if necessary, proposed changes to the uniform orders of supervision that are prepared and disseminated by the Department of Corrections in consultation with the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

2. Also in support of Goal 1.5, the Steering Committee shall recommend, if necessary, proposed changes to the Criminal Punishment Code scoresheet that are prepared and disseminated by the Department of Corrections in consultation with the Office of the State Courts Administrator.
3. Also in support of Goal 1.5, the Steering Committee is authorized to propose amendments to procedural rules required to implement legislative enactments or that are necessary as a result of Supreme Court decisions that affect criminal, delinquency, or Involuntary Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predator (hereinafter “Jimmy Ryce”) laws.
4. The Steering Committee shall perform such other tasks in the furtherance of justice in criminal, delinquency, or Jimmy Ryce cases as may be requested by the Chief Justice or the Supreme Court.

The Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationships with the appropriate Florida Bar and other Supreme Court committees. The Steering Committee is authorized to pursue such proposed rule amendments jointly with the appropriate Florida Bar procedural rules committees and jointly review any amendments or proposals and indicate whether the Bar committee concurs; disagrees; or recommends modifications, further study, or

other action with regard to the proposed rule amendments. The Steering Committee shall thereafter file any proposed amendments and comments in petition form with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court.

The Steering Committee may function as a committee comprised of all members or as one or more subcommittees to consider specific issues. The chair is authorized to establish such subcommittees as may be required to effectuate the Steering Committee's charges. Members of the subcommittees may include persons who are not members of the Steering Committee but whose input is required on selected issues. The Steering Committee is encouraged to include representatives of the legislative and executive branches of government, as well as other stakeholders in the criminal justice system, as appropriate.

Should the Steering Committee make recommendations that require additional funding or resources to implement, the Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission or the Trial Court Budget Commission, as appropriate. At a minimum, the Steering Committee shall provide the chair of the respective budget commission with copies of Steering Committee reports and recommendations that reference the need for additional court funding or resources, prior to the finalization of those reports.

Should the Steering Committee make recommendations that impact on court technology, the Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the Florida Courts Technology Commission. At a minimum, the Steering Committee shall provide the Chair of the Florida Courts Technology Commission with copies of Steering Committee reports and recommendations that reference court technology, prior to the finalization of those reports.

Should the Steering Committee make recommendations about the education and training needs of judges and court staff, the Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationships with the Florida Court Education Council. At a minimum, the Steering Committee shall provide the Chair of the Florida Court Education Council with copies of reports and recommendations that reference court education, prior to the finalization of those reports.

The following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for terms that begin on July 1, 2016, and expire on June 30, 2018:

The Honorable Joseph A. Bulone  
Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit  
14250 49<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Clearwater, Florida 33762

The Honorable Jay Cohen  
Fifth District Court of Appeal  
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The Honorable Angela Cowden  
Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
430 S. Commerce Avenue  
Sebring, Florida 33870

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101 East Adams Street  
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The Honorable Miguel de la O  
Circuit Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
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Miami, Florida 33125

The Honorable James Hankinson  
Circuit Judge, Second Judicial Circuit  
Leon County Courthouse, Room 301F  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The Honorable Donna McIntosh  
Circuit Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit  
190 Bush Boulevard  
Sanford, Florida 32773

The Honorable James Nilon  
Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit  
220 S. Main Street  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

The Honorable Debra J. Riva  
Circuit Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit  
Manatee County Judicial Center  
1051 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida 34206

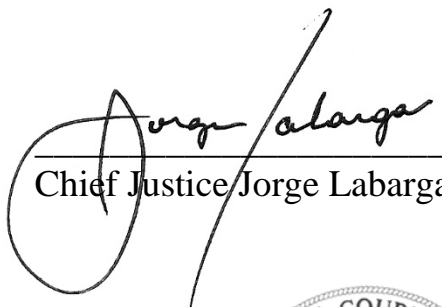
The Honorable Stephen B. Russell  
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Lee County Justice Center Complex  
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Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Mr. Robert R. Wills  
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The Steering Committee should submit reports and recommendations either to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator or as otherwise directed in a referral from the Supreme Court.

The Honorable Jay Cohen shall serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2018. Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 23, 2016.

  
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Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

ATTEST:

  
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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

