

# Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC18-26

IN RE: FLORIDA COURT EDUCATION COUNCIL

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Florida Court Education Council is charged with providing oversight of the development and maintenance of a comprehensive educational program for Florida judges and court personnel. The Council's responsibilities include making budgetary, programmatic, and policy recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding judicial branch education. The Council shall perform its responsibilities consistent with The Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch 2016-2021, including but not limited to: Goal 5.1 (Promote public trust and confidence by maintaining high standards of professionalism and ethical behavior.); Goal 5.2 (Attract, hire, and retain a qualified, ethical, and diverse workforce.); Goal 5.3 (Provide timely education and training to judges and court employees to ensure high-level performance.); Goal 5.4 (Expand the education of judges and court employees to recognize and understand various perspectives of court users on relevant and emerging topics.); Goal 5.5 (Develop technology-based approaches to complement existing education programs for judges and court

employees.); and Goal 5.6 (Ensure judges and court employees have the technological skills necessary to perform more efficiently.).

Court committees are a vital component in the governance of the judicial branch. Committees established by the Supreme Court assist in the development of policies and operating procedures that enhance the administration of justice. The Council must, however, be cognizant of the limitations on the resources available to support its efforts as it develops a work plan that will accomplish the important tasks assigned in this administrative order. Accordingly, the Chair should use discretion in the establishment of subcommittees that require operating funds and staff support. With regard to meetings, the Council should strive to utilize the most economical means appropriate to the type of work being accomplished.

The Council shall now consist of the following members. Any member of the Council who has not yet attended the Faculty Training Specialty Course must do so within one year of appointment.

### **Supreme Court**

The Honorable Jorge Labarga, for a term that expires June 30, 2020

### **Appellate Courts**

#### **Conference Education Committee Chair:**

The Honorable Samuel Salario, to serve during his tenure as  
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large member:

The Honorable Stephanie W. Ray, to serve for a term that expires  
June 30, 2022

**Circuit Courts**

Conference Chair:

The Honorable Scott Bernstein, to serve during his tenure as  
Conference Chair

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable Donna Berlin, to serve during her tenure as  
Conference Education Committee Chair

At-large member:

The Honorable Angela Cox, to serve for a term that expires  
June 30, 2020

**County Courts**

Conference President:

The Honorable Joseph Williams, to serve during his tenure as  
Conference President

Conference Education Committee Chair:

The Honorable Robert Lee, to serve during his tenure as Conference  
Education Committee Chair

At-large members:

The Honorable Michelle Barakat, to serve for a term that expires June  
30, 2020

The Honorable Archie B. Hayward, Jr., to serve for a term that expires  
June 30, 2022

**Deans and Associate Deans**

**Dean of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies:**

The Honorable Donna Berlin, to serve during her tenure as Dean

**Associate Dean of the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies:**

The Honorable Raag Singhal, to serve during his tenure as Associate  
Dean

**Dean of the Florida Judicial College:**

The Honorable David Denkin, to serve during his tenure as Dean

**Associate Dean of the Florida Judicial College:**

The Honorable Meenu Sasser, to serve during her tenure as Associate  
Dean

**Trial Court Administrator**

Mr. Jon Lin, to serve for a term that expires June 30, 2022

**Florida Court Personnel**

**Chair of the Florida Court Personnel Committee:**

The Honorable Angela Cowden, to serve during her tenure as Chair

**At-large member:**

Magistrate Maxine Williams, to serve for a term that expires June 30,  
2022

## **Universal Planning Committee**

### **The Co-Chairs of the Universal Planning Committee:**

The Honorable Scott Brownell, for a term that expires June 30, 2020

The Honorable Donna Berlin, for a term that expires June 30, 2020

During the next two years, the Council shall perform the following tasks:

1. Administer the Court Education Trust Fund to provide education and training for judges and Florida court personnel as defined and determined by the Council.
2. Through the Publications Committee, develop online publications and other technology-based educational resources to enhance the competence of the judiciary and court personnel.
3. Continue to develop distance learning events and technology-based approaches in order to support the education and training of Florida judges and court personnel and to complement in-person training in the judicial branch.
4. Identify various perspectives of court users on relevant topics and incorporate those perspectives into courses as appropriate.
5. Ensure that all conference programs and the College of Advanced Judicial Studies offer at least two hours of ethics at each event.

6. Finalize a long-range strategic plan and update the Comprehensive Plan for Judicial Branch Education to ensure that the overall delivery system meets the educational needs of judges and court staff, and aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of the judicial branch.

The Florida Court Education Council should submit its reports to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator.

The Honorable Jorge Labarga shall serve as Chair of the Council through June 30, 2020, and will serve as a voting member. Staff support and expenses for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 2, 2018.

*Char. T. Canady*  
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Chief Justice Charles Canady

ATTEST:

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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