The Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability was established in 2002 for the purpose of proposing policies and procedures on matters related to the efficient and effective functioning of Florida’s trial courts through the development of comprehensive performance measurement, resource management, and accountability programs.

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 Commission 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 Commission on Trial Court
Performance and Accountability should strive to utilize the most economical means appropriate to the type of work being accomplished.

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

1. Develop recommendations on a performance management framework for the trial courts with an emphasis on articulating long-term objectives for better quantifying performance to identify potential problems and take corrective action in the effective use of court resources. Propose a plan for the development of benchmarks and goals for performance measures identified in the Trial Court Integrated Management Solution report. Collaborate with the Judicial Management Council’s Performance Workgroup on the prioritization of performance data needs to enhance the court system’s ability to better evaluate branch outputs and outcomes.

2. Collaborate on a joint study with the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability on the issue of delay in the receipt of documents which comprise the record in dependency and termination of parental rights appeals.

3. Through the Court Statistics and Workload Committee, continue to provide guidance and direction on data management issues as
necessary to maintain integrity of data collection and reporting through appropriate Uniform Case Reporting systems, the Summary Reporting System, the Uniform Data Reporting System, and other data collection efforts relevant to court management. This includes associated analytical products such as the Weighted Caseload Model, case age and other case inventory statistics, and work related to the Judicial Data Management Services component of the Integrated Trial Court Adjudication Systems project.

4. Through the Court Statistics and Workload Committee, manage and oversee all efforts to update the weights in the Judicial Workload Model.

5. Continue to provide support and assistance to the trial courts with regard to implementation of standards of operation and best practices approved by the Supreme Court.

6. Continue to propose judicial branch responses to any statutory requirements and requests by the Florida Legislature and the Office of the Governor related to trial court performance and accountability.

The Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability is authorized to propose statutory changes related to the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the trial courts.
The Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability is authorized to propose amendments to rules of court procedure on issues involving the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the trial courts, for consideration by the Court. In developing proposed amendments to rules of court procedure, the Commission is directed to establish appropriate liaison relationships with the relevant Bar rules committees. Should the Commission recommend amendments to rules of court procedure or forms, it shall file such recommendations in petition form with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court.

Should the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability make recommendations that require additional funding or resources to implement, the Commission 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 Commission shall provide the chair of the respective budget commission with copies of Commission reports and recommendations that reference the need for additional court funding or resources, prior to the finalization of those reports.

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

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

The Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability should submit its reports to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator.

The following individuals are appointed to serve on the Commission for terms that expire on June 30, 2016.

The Honorable Paul Alessandroni  
County Court Judge, Charlotte County

The Honorable Herbert Baumann  
Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Barbara Dawicke  
Trial Court Administrator, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Holly Elomina  
Trial Court Administrator, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit
The Honorable Ronald W. Flury  
County Court Judge, Leon County

The Honorable Victor Hulslander  
Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Gay Inskeep  
Trial Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Leandra G. Johnson  
Circuit Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Shelley Kravitz  
County Court Judge, Dade County

The Honorable Ellen Sly Masters  
Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Diana L. Moreland  
Circuit Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable William Roby  
Circuit Court Judge, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Terry D. Terrell  
Chief Judge, First Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Diana L. Moreland shall serve as chair through June 30, 2016. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.
DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 2, 2014.

ATTEST:

Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice

John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court