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APPENDIX D

**Criminal Court Steering Committee
The Honorable Kevin Emas, Chair
May 13, 2014**

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC12-33

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. The term of the Steering Committee is extended until June 30, 2014.

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. In recent years, as a result of the global recession and the strain on state financial resources, the Florida State Courts System has sustained significant reductions in operating funds and staff positions. Even given the demanding fiscal times we are in, the work of the Steering Committee must proceed. The Steering Committee must, however, be cognizant of the limitations on the resources available to support its efforts as it develops a work plan that will accomplish, to the best of the

committee's abilities, 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 Steering Committee should strive to utilize the most economical means appropriate to the type of work being accomplished.

During the next two years, the Steering Committee shall perform the following tasks:

1. 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. The Steering Committee shall recommend, if necessary, proposed statutory and/or rule changes related to the involuntary commitment of sexually violent predators in light of *Morel v. Wilkins*, 37 Fla. L. Weekly S161 (Fla. March 8, 2012).
3. The Steering Committee shall recommend, if necessary, proposed statutory and/or rule changes to post-conviction matters, including forms, in light of the Court's opinion in SC11-1679 (In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure – Post-Conviction Rules) .

4. The Steering Committee shall perform such other tasks in the furtherance of justice in criminal cases as may be requested by the Chief Justice or the Supreme Court.

The Steering Committee should submit administrative reports and recommendations to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator.

The Steering Committee is also authorized to propose amendments to other procedural rules or forms that are required to implement legislative enactments or that are necessary as a result of Supreme Court decisions that affect criminal or delinquency laws. 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, and thereafter file any proposed amendments and comments in petition form with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court.

The following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2014:

The Honorable Kimberly Bonner
County Court Judge, Sarasota County
P. O. Box 48927
Sarasota, Florida 34230

The Honorable Jay Cohen
Fifth District Court of Appeal
300 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

The Honorable Angela Cowden
Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit
P. O. Box 9000, Drawer J-156
Bartow, Florida 33831

The Honorable Kevin M. Emas
Third District Court of Appeal
2001 S.W. 117th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33175

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

The Honorable Bernie J. McCabe, Jr.
State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit
P. O. Box 5028
Clearwater, Florida 33758

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

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

The Honorable Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit
425 North Orange Avenue, Room 2010
Orlando, Florida 32801

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

Mr. Robert R. Wills
Chief Assistant Public Defender
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
P. O. Box 2356
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33303

Mr. Eugene Zenobi
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The Honorable Kevin Emas shall serve as chair and Justice Jorge Labarga shall serve as the Supreme Court's liaison to the Steering Committee through June 30, 2014. Staff support will be provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

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.

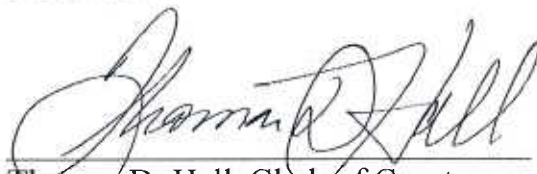
Should the Steering Committee make recommendations about the education and training needs of judges and court staff, the Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationships with the Florida Court Education

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.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 9, 2012.


Ricky Polston, Chief Justice

ATTEST:


Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

