

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC18-20

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, 2020.

Court committees are a vital component in the governance of the judicial branch. In performing its responsibilities, the Steering Committee shall be guided by the goals of the Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Florida Judicial Branch. Specifically, in furtherance of Long-Range Issue 1 (Deliver justice effectively, efficiently, and fairly), the Steering Committee should help facilitate the fair, effective, and efficient delivery of justice, without bias or prejudice, through the use of consistent criminal court practices, procedures, and forms statewide. Additionally, in furtherance of Long-Range Issue 4 (Modernize the administration of justice and operation of court facilities) the Steering Committee should help

facilitate the development and implementation of a compatible technology infrastructure that enhances case management, meets the needs of the judicial branch, and improves data exchange and integration processes with the clerks of court and other justice system partners.

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 the important tasks assigned in this administrative order. 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. In coordination with the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability and the Florida Courts Technology Commission, the Steering Committee shall recommend, if necessary, proposed changes to the Criminal Punishment Code scoresheet, including changes related to the digitization of the scoresheet, that are prepared and

disseminated by the Department of Corrections, in consultation with the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

3. 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 or district court of appeal decisions that affect criminal, delinquency, or Involuntary Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predator (Jimmy Ryce Act) laws.
4. The Steering Committee shall perform such other tasks in the furtherance of justice in criminal, delinquency, or Jimmy Ryce Act 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, and 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, impact court technology, or impact education and training needs of judges and court staff, the Steering Committee is directed to establish the necessary liaison relationship with the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission, the Trial Court Budget Commission, the Florida Courts Technology Commission, or the Florida Court Education Council, as appropriate. At a minimum, the Steering Committee shall provide the chairs of these liaison groups with copies of those Steering Committee reports and recommendations, prior to the finalization of the reports.

The following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2020:

The Honorable Joseph A. Bulone
Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Jay P. Cohen
Chief Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeal

The Honorable Angela Cowden
Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Henry Coxe
Attorney at Law, Jacksonville

The Honorable Miguel de la O
Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit

The Honorable James C. Hankinson
Circuit Court Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Glenn Hess
State Attorney, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Donna McIntosh
Circuit Court Judge, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable James Nilon
Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Debra J. Riva
Circuit Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Robert R. Wills
Chief Assistant Public Defender, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

The Steering Committee should submit reports and recommendations as directed in the referral document or to the Chief Justice through the State Courts Administrator. The Honorable James C. Hankinson shall serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee for a term that expires on June 30, 2020. Staff support for the committee 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 T. Canady

ATTEST:

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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