

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2022-058 PA/PI-CIR

RE: PRO BONO COMMITTEE

Administrative Order 2014-004 appointed and convened the Pro Bono Committee in its current form in accordance with Rule 4-6.5(c) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. It is necessary to update the leadership and composition of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee.

In accordance with the Chief Judge's authority under Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Rule 4-6.5(c) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, it is

ORDERED:

1. The Chief Judge designates the Honorable David R. Ellis as Chair of the Pro Bono Committee and the Honorable Joshua Riba as Vice-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee. The Chair, or in his absence the Vice-Chair, shall convene meetings in accordance with Paragraph 3 of this Administrative Order in Pasco and Pinellas Counties. The Chair of the Committee may appoint an Administrator and/or Executive Director who shall perform any such duties as are delegated to the Administrator and/or Executive Director by the Chair of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- a. The Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit or the Judge's designees;
- b. The Immediate Past Chair of the Committee;
- c. At least one representative from each pro bono and legal aid provider in the circuit, including but not limited to:
 - i. Bay Area Legal Services
 - ii. Community Law Program
 - iii. Guardian Ad Litem Program
 - iv. Gulfcoast Legal Services
 - v. St. Michael's Legal Center
- d. To the extent feasible, at least one representative from each voluntary bar association within the circuit, including but not limited to:
 - i. Clearwater Bar Association
 - ii. Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Pinellas Chapter
 - iii. Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Pinellas Chapter
 - iv. Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Bar Association
 - v. St. Petersburg Bar Association
 - vi. Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association
 - vii. West Pasco Bar Association
 - viii. East Pasco Bar Association
 - ix. Fred G. Minnis Bar Association

- e. At least one representative from each of the following local law schools:
 - i. Stetson University College of Law
 - ii. Western Michigan University Cooley Law School
 - f. At least one representative from each of the following public offices:
 - i. Pasco County Clerk of Court
 - ii. Pinellas County Clerk of Court
 - iii. Pinellas County Attorney's Office
 - iv. Sixth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office
 - v. Sixth Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office
 - g. At least one member from the general public to be appointed by the Chair;
 - h. At least one client-eligible member to be appointed by the Chair; and
 - i. Other individuals who may assist the Committee with its responsibilities may be appointed as Members at Large by the Chair.
3. In meeting its responsibilities under Rule 4-6.5(c)(2) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Committee will meet periodically during the year to encourage members of The Florida Bar to participate in pro bono activities; to make recommendations on the community's needs; and to evaluate the possible resources available to meet those needs. The Committee will submit an annual report to The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services that includes an assessment of attorney participation in pro bono activities during the preceding year and plans for carrying out pro bono services in the coming year.
4. Law firms whose members or employees wish to provide pro bono service collectively shall first file a collective satisfaction plan with the Chief Judge's designee on the Pro Bono Committee in accordance with Rule 4-6.1(c) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. If a plan does not involve the provision of pro bono services to the poor in
- a. a major case or matter involving a substantial expenditure of time and resources; or
 - b. through a full-time community or public service staff,
- the Committee shall determine whether to approve the manner in which the plan proposes to provide pro bono services.

Administrative Order 2020-003 PA/PI-CIR is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this
_____ day of December 2022.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON DECEMBER 22, 2022
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges
The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
Pinellas County Attorney
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator
Michele Emmerman, Director of Administrative Services for Pasco County
Members of the Pro Bono Committee
Bar Associations, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
Law Libraries, Pasco and Pinellas Counties