

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2.007/03-1

AMENDED

IN RE:

DUTY JUDGES/EMERGENCIES

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WHEREAS, the prompt and efficient administration of justice requires a judge to be available in chambers during work hours and on-call after work hours to handle emergency matters; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order #11.006/02-1, *In re: Judges' Alternates*, has been rescinded,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED as follows:

DEFINITION OF "EMERGENCY", as provided in Paragraph 1 of Administrative Order #2.007/02-1 Amended, *In re: Duty Judges/Emergencies*, is hereby amended to read:

1. By master calendar memoranda, the Court Administrator's Office, under the direction of the Chief Judge, shall promulgate a semi-annual duty roster so that a judge, commonly referred to as the "duty judge", shall be available at all times to handle *ex parte* applications, e.g., search warrants, matters of life and death, and instances of irreparable harm, etc. Included in this definition are matters of extreme urgency in cases which have been assigned to a trial division if the assigned trial judge is not available. (Petitions for *ex parte* injunctive relief to prevent domestic violence are to be presented to the assigned Family Division Judge if that judge is available on-site. Otherwise, the petition is to be presented to the duty judge.)

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this the 12 day of September, 2003.

Richard G. Payne
Chief Judge