

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2.045/04-1  
**AMENDED**

IN RE:

BENCH/BAR COMMITTEES  
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WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an administrative order *In re: Establishment of Local Bench/Bar Committees* on April 29, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the administrative order directs the chief judge of each individual circuit to enter a local administrative order establishing a local bench/bar committee or committees, and convene regular meetings of the committee; and

WHEREAS, the administrative order allows for such meetings to be conducted by specialized divisions where those divisions exist; and

WHEREAS, in the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, there exists Divisions based on geographical considerations; and

WHEREAS, there are two bar associations, the Monroe County Bar Associations and the Upper Keys Bar Association, operating within the circuit; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the Supreme Court Administrative Order is to be construed to prevent a chief judge from establishing a joint Bench/Bar-Professionalism Committee;

NOW, therefore, IT IS ORDERED:

Three Bench/Bar-Professionalism Committees are hereby established in the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit: One in the Lower Keys, one in the Middle Keys and one in the Upper Keys.

The Honorable Peary S. Fowler is appointed as the Chief Judge's designee in this regard for the Lower Keys and such is directed to convene Bench/Bar-Professionalism Committee meetings in the Lower Keys.

The Honorable Ruth Becker is appointed as the Chief Judge's designee in this regard for the Lower Keys and such is directed to convene Bench/Bar-Professionalism Committee meetings in the Middle Keys.

The Honorable William Reagan Ptomey, Jr. is appointed as the Chief Judge's designee in this regard for the Lower Keys and such is directed to convene Bench/Bar-Professionalism Committee meetings in the Upper Keys.

There is no prohibition against convening these meetings in conjunction with regularly scheduled bar association meetings.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this the 21 day of December, 2004.

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Richard G. Payne  
Chief Judge