

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-03**

**IN RE:           OFFICE OF CRIMINAL CONFLICT AND CIVIL REGIONAL  
                  COUNSEL, FIRST DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL CONFLICT AND  
CIVIL REGIONAL COUNSEL, FIRST DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida law the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, First District (hereinafter RCC1) is to be appointed on all conflict cases, civil and criminal, within the First Judicial Circuit, effective January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the RCC1 has notified this Court through the attached document of its inability to become fully operational and that it is only able to handle Juvenile Delinquency conflict cases in Escambia County of the First Judicial Circuit and asks this Court to grant its omnibus motion to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, the interest of justice and due process require that this court insure the continued appointment of alternative counsel to assist the indigent citizens of the First Judicial Circuit, it is hereby

**ORDERED:**

1. This Court finds that the RCC1 is not sufficiently operational to handle divisions and cases within the First Judicial Circuit other than those cases in the Escambia County Juvenile Divisions in those cases in which the Public Defender is granted leave to withdraw from a case because of a conflict; therefore, the omnibus motion to withdraw filed by the RCC1 is GRANTED.

2. The RCC1's omnibus motion for leave to withdraw applies to all cases (with the exception of Escambia County Juvenile Delinquency cases) in which the RCC1 has been appointed since January 1, 2008 and all cases in which the RCC1 will be appointed pursuant to the statutory requirement. The undersigned Chief Judge recognizes the statutory authority requiring appointment of the RCC1 in various types of cases under various sections of the law. The undersigned recognizes that appointment of the RCC1 must continue to take place as a result of the requirements of the law. In those cases, after the appointment of the RCC1, a copy of this order with the attachment shall be filed in these cases and shall serve as the record order of withdrawal. Subsequent to the withdrawal of the RCC1, the procedure set forth in Paragraph 4 herein shall be followed.

3. Until further notice by this Court, the Clerk of Court of Escambia County and the Judges in the Escambia County Juvenile Delinquency divisions shall insure appointment of the RCC1 in those cases in which the Public Defender is granted leave to withdraw from a case because of a conflict.

4. Until further notice by this Court, the Clerk of Court in each county within the First Judicial Circuit and the Judges of each court within the First Judicial Circuit will continue the appointment process of conflict counsel through the use of the existing Attorney Register Lists or to the applicable division conflict counsel in those divisions where division conflict counsel is currently assigned.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, *nunc pro tunc* January 1, 2008.

Signed by: Kim A. Skievaski, Chief Judge

Photocopies and electronic copies furnished to:

All Judges, First Judicial Circuit

All Clerks of Court, First Judicial Circuit

Robin Wright, Trial Court Administrator, First Judicial Circuit

Victoria Montanaro, Executive Director, Justice Administrative Commission

Jeffrey Lewis, Regional Conflict Counsel, District 1

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IS ACCOMPANIED BY ATTACHMENTS THAT ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH SCREEN READERS. IF YOU WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, PLEASE CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT 850-595-4400.