

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-37
(Vacates Administrative Order Nos. 2008-32 and 2008-36)**

**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 been delayed for various reasons from becoming fully operational and it is necessary for this Court to administer the incremental development of RCC1 in the First Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the RCC1 has notified this Court of its ability to accept appointment of all applicable case types in Escambia County and death penalty cases in Santa Rosa County, it is hereby

ORDERED:

Effective June 2, 2008 and until further notice by this Court, the Judges in Escambia County shall appoint the RCC1 in all conflict cases, civil and criminal, including capital death cases.

Effective June 2, 2008 all division attorney assignments to any and all divisions within Escambia County shall be vacated.

Effective June 2, 2008 and until further notice by this Court, the Judges in Santa Rosa County shall appoint the RCC1 in all capital death penalty cases.

Statutory and procedural requirements as administered through the Justice Administrative Commission authorize payment of the full flat fee to private conflict counsel where final disposition of the case has not been reached. In these qualifying cases (*i.e.* failure to appear, noncompliance with PTI, determination of competency), the private conflict counsel appointed to the case at the time of the event (failure to appear, non-compliance with PTI and determinations of competency) shall be reappointed to the case at such time as the case is returned to the Court

for further prosecution and/or final disposition. The Public Defender and/or the RCC1 shall identify the private conflict counsel to whom the case should be appointed in any applicable motion to withdraw filed in the case.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida,
this 10th day of June, 2008.

Signed by: Kim A. Skievaski, Chief Judge

Electronic copies furnished to:

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