

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MARION
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. M2000-24

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING DUI COURT

WHEREAS, the Fifth Judicial Circuit seeks to assist Marion County (the "County") in implementing a comprehensive anti-drug and anti-alcohol abuse program whereby defendants charged with DUI receive treatment and support services; and

WHEREAS the County requires the assistance of the Court to provide the services pursuant to contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS a separate county court criminal division is required to assist in the referral of certain eligible individuals for drug and alcohol treatment and support toward the goal of preventing crime; and

WHEREAS a DUI Court financial account is necessary, for fees collected from participants of the program and funds received from grants; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the efficient administration of justice, it is therefore

ORDERED that

1. DUI Court is hereby created as a new county court criminal division, which shall be known as "DUI Court".

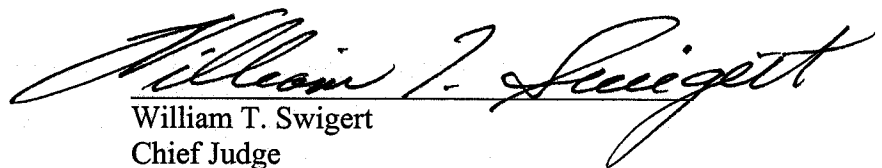
2. DUI Court may handle eligible cases from the other Marion County Criminal Divisions for possible referral into alcohol and drug treatment and support as approved by the presiding judge to whose docket the case was originally assigned.

3. A county judge shall be assigned to DUI Court.

4. Upon approval of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, a financial account shall be established.

5. If a defendant's participation in the program is terminated for cause, the defendant's case may be remanded to the division from which the case originated prior to its referral to DUI Court, at the option of the original presiding judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Ocala, Marion County, Florida this 10 day of October, 2000.


William T. Swigert
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit