

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER M-2009-27

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CREATING THE MARION COUNTY TEEN
COURT PROGRAM IN MARION COUNTY
AND
ORDER RECINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER M2002-32**

WHEREAS, the Teen Court programs have been adopted in the Fifth Judicial Circuit as effective pre-arrest and pre-trial intervention juvenile justice programs; and,

WHEREAS, Juvenile Divisions of several Judicial circuits throughout the State of Florida Have created and implemented a peer review system of case disposition most commonly referred to as "Teen Court"; and

WHEREAS, it is of the general opinion that such Teen Courts have enjoyed overwhelming success in reducing the recidivism rate in Juvenile delinquency cases; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the efficient administration of justice to create a separate, alternative court, to be known as "Marion County Teen Court"; it is therefore

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

- 1) An alternative court program is hereby established in Marion County, which shall be known as the "Marion County Teen Court."
- 2) This Order shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall apply to all pending and future cases before the Circuit Court in and for Marion County.
- 3) Defendant's participating in the Marion County Teen Court will be required to pay a fee of \$25.00 unless waived or adjusted by Circuit judge presiding over juvenile delinquency matters in Marion County and there will be a no refund policy for any funds paid by program participants of this program.
- 4) The Clerk of the Court is authorized to accept any participation fees or funds collected for Marion County Teen Court defendants in Marion County.
- 5) This Program is created and shall be maintained subject to the availability of adequate funding.
- 6) This order rescinds Administrative order M2002-32

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, in Ocala, Marion County, Florida,
this 17th day of November, 2009.

David B. Eddy

David B. Eddy
Administrative Judge for Marion County
Fifth Judicial Circuit