

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MARION COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER M-2017-15**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE FELONY  
TREATMENT-BASED DRUG COURT PROGRAM IN MARION COUNTY  
AND  
RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER M-2012-34**

WHEREAS, Chapter 397.334, Florida Statutes, establishes within the State of Florida “treatment-based” drug courts’; and,

WHEREAS, the County has received funds to provide such services; and,

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 397, Florida Statutes, in its entirety, establishes the provision of substance abuse services within the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Marion County Drug Court provides referrals for licensed substance abuse education, prevention, intervention, and treatment services in the Fifth Judicial Circuit in accordance with Chapter 397, Florida Statutes; and,

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

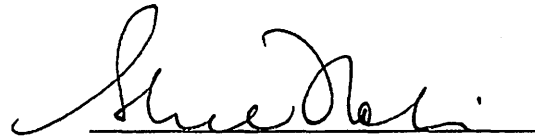
**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

- 1) Drug Court is hereby established as a circuit criminal division, which shall be known as “Drug Court.”
- 2) A circuit judge shall be assigned to Drug Court.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Drug Court shall handle eligible cases from the other Circuit Criminal Divisions for possible referral to drug abuse treatment and support.
- 5) Effective June 1, 2017, defendants participating in the Marion County Drug Court Program shall be required to pay a \$35.00 application fee and a fee of \$135.00 per month (or any part thereof) through the duration of the program. In addition, the defendants shall also be required to pay a \$25.00 sanction fee

for any positive drug test through the duration of the program. These fees and/or sanctions shall apply to all participants in the Drug Court unless waived or adjusted by the Circuit Judge presiding over the Drug Court.

- 6) The Clerk of Court is authorized to accept any participation fees or funds collected for the Marion County Drug Court #000001-34899120.
- 7) The program is created and shall be maintained subject to the availability of adequate funding.
- 8) All hearings conduction pursuant to this administrative order shall be electronically recorded.
- 9) This order rescinds Administrative Order M-2012-34.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 26 day  
of May, 2017.



**S. Sue Robbins**  
**Administrative Judge**  
**Marion County**