IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. A-2016-13-E

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING CHAIRS OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE (Educational Division and Professional Practice Division) (amended to name Hon. Barbara Kissner-Kwatkosky)

WHEREAS, in order to provide effective coordination of professionalism programs and activities throughout the Fifth Judicial Circuit and in accordance with the Florida Supreme Court's Administrative Order entitled In Re: Commission on Professionalism, dated June 11, 1998, mandating the establishment of a local Professionalism Committee in each judicial circuit; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting professionalism, a Professionalism Committee allows the bench and the Bar to coordinate professional activities for lawyers and judges in furtherance of and in an effort to maintain the highest standards of professionalism in the Circuit, this Fifth Judicial Circuit has established the **Fifth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, Educational Division** and the **Fifth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, Professional Practice Division;** and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, the Florida Supreme Court entered Administrative Order No.:SC2023-0884 In Re: Code For Resolving Professionalism Referrals and Amendments to Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 6-10.3; and

WHEREAS, said Order mandates the formation of a single, circuit wide, Local Professionalism Panel to receive, screen and act upon any and all referrals of claimed unprofessional conduct and to resolve those referrals informally, if possible, or refer to The Florida Bar if necessary;

DBMJr

As Chief Judge of this Fifth Judicial Circuit and in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2) it is now therefore:

ORDERED: That

1. The **HONORABLE BARBARA KISSNER-KWATKOSKY**, Circuit Judge in and for Marion County, is hereby appointed as **Chair of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, Educational Division**.

2. The **HONORABLE ANN MELINDA CRAGGS**, Circuit Judge in and for Marion County, will continue to serve as **Chair of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, Professional Practice Division**.

IT IS SO DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 9th day of November, 2026.

DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT