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THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: CREATION OF MEDICAL
MALPRACTICE, COURT-ORDERED
ARBITRATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

ADMINISTRATION ORDER NO. 86-1

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1(d) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Chief Judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in his circuit; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration provides that the Chief Judge shall develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within his circuit including an administrative organization capable of effecting the prompt disposition of the cases; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Medical Malpractice Reformation Act of 1985, Section 768.575(2)(a), Florida Statutes, provides that the Chief Judge shall appoint an advisory committee made up of equal numbers of at least three (3) members of the defense bar and three (3) members of the plaintiff's bar, which shall approve the qualifications of the person's on the plaintiff's list of arbitrators and the persons on the defendant's list of arbitrators. The advisory committee shall assist the Chief Judge in screening applicants and aiding in the formulation and application of standards for selection of arbitrators.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida:

1. The following named persons are hereby appointed as members to the Medical Malpractice, Court-Ordered Arbitration Advisory Committee:

A. PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS:

- (1) Karen O'Brien Steger
- (2) David Walker
- (3) Robert Watson

B. DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEYS:


(1) Bradford Jefferson

(2) Stephen Hayskar

(3) Everett Van Gaasbeck

2. The Committee shall meet at a time and place to be set by the Chief Judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Stuart, Martin County, Florida, this 17th day of April, 1986.


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Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida

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MEMO TO: All Judges, Clerks, Sheriffs, State Attorney
and Public Defender, 19th Judicial Circuit

FROM: Chief Judge C. Pfeiffer Trowbridge *CT*

RE: First Appearances

DATE: May 1, 1985

Enclosed is a copy of Administrative Order 85-6 which I have this date entered.

The response to my Memo of February 21, 1985, was exceedingly helpful. I have incorporated many ideas suggested to me into the final order. I have also drafted the order to permit flexibility in many matters so that each county may mould its procedures to fit its facilities. I learned that some of the glaring problems do not exist at all in some counties.

The immediate requirement is to ascertain whether the authority in charge of the detention facility will allow the public and the press to attend First Appearances in its facility. If those who presently forbid this persist, the hearings must immediately be switched to a courtroom or other location where the public and the press may have access and the Sheriff will have to transport and secure the Defendants.

By July 1st, separate "court" space as set forth in Paragraph 1 must be provided in each detention facility if first appearances are to be conducted there. Obviously, the use of closed circuit TV would solve most of the problems about facilities.

The attendance of State Attorney, Public Defender, and Clerk personnel has been made optional. The requirement for duty rosters was made to cover the situation that occasionally occurs when massive arrests are made in a "sweep" type operation although the rights of an individual Judge to hold Court with a full complement of officers is retained inviolate.

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The purpose of this Order is to comply with basic law allowing public and press access to all court proceedings and to assure that persons under arrest have their first contact with the Judicial System under dignified circumstances. Judges should bear these objectives in mind when making decisions allowed under this Order.

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