

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN,
OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 91 -1

Pursuant to a conference with the Jury Management Committee and after examining the jury reports for the last twelve months, I find it is necessary to Amend Administrative Order 91-1 in an effort to better utilize jurors while effectively cutting costs. Therefore, as Chief Judge pursuant to Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Each Judicial Assistant is to notify the Jury Clerk by 4:00 P.M. as to the need for jurors for the next work day.
2. Judges shall not conduct docket calls or motion hearings at the same time that jurors are scheduled to appear in court for jury selection. In addition, the maximum waiting time for a qualified juror to be sent to a courtroom for voir dire shall not exceed (1) one hour.
3. Judges shall advise the Jury Clerk of the settlement of cases as soon as possible to avoid jurors being called into the courtroom.
4. Judges shall provide the Jury Clerk a trial schedule at least four weeks in advance and shall advise if an increased panel size is necessary due to the type of case to be tried or use of multiple voir dire.
5. Multiple jury selection shall be used in all criminal cases when appropriate. Civil Division judges should utilize multiple jury selection or at least have a second trial available (back-up) if the first trial settles.
6. The following standards shall be utilized when advising the Jury Clerk as to the number of jurors needed.

1 Felony Trial - 21 jurors
1 Civil Trial - 16 jurors
1 Misdemeanor Trial - 16 jurors
1 Summary Trial - 10 jurors

For each additional trial, whether civil or criminal, add 7 jurors. In a civil or misdemeanor case, add 6 jurors for each additional party, or codefendant. In felony cases, a capital, life, or co-defendant case will require the entire panel of 35 jurors (if using multiple selection, select a capital, life or codefendant case first).