



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-01-03**

**RE: CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH COURT IN BAY COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the undersigned Chief Judge has the authority to establish case management strategies for the efficiency of docket control; and

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health Courts have been successfully operating under a case management strategy in various Judicial Circuits in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, certain mental health conditions can impact an individual's ability to comply with certain court obligations; and


**WHEREAS**, case management strategies involving mental health courts with regular appearance of qualifying individuals before an assigned judge facilitate better outcomes in qualifying cases; it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. A Mental Health Court is created in and for Bay County, Florida and shall be designated Circuit Court Division "MH".
2. The Bay County Mental Health Court program shall be known as Therapeutic Justice Court (TJC).

- 3. Qualifying cases shall be assigned to TJC.
- 4. The Honorable Michael C. Overstreet is assigned as the presiding judge for TJC until further order of this court.
- 5. The presiding TJC judge shall, in accordance with the law and in accordance with the Policies and Procedures Manual of TJC programming, accept certain cases for transfer into Division "MH" and shall be responsible for monitoring the participation and progress of any defendant assigned to TJC.

16 **DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida on this day of December, 2015 Nunc Pro Tunc November 2, 2015.



MICHAEL C. OVERSTREET  
CIRCUIT JUDGE



ELVIAH SMILEY  
CHIEF JUDGE



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By Tabriela Barbo  
Deputy Clerk