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**GENERAL ORDER 11-26**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**Section 1:** By vote of the Circuit Judges of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, the following amendment to the Local Rules supersedes General Order 98-12 is hereby adopted.

**1.34 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

- A. Pursuant to *Supreme Court Rule 39*, all Judges of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit constitute the Nominating Committee.
- B. An Interview Committee, appointed by the Chief Judge, for the purpose of review and recommendation of proposed candidates for Associate Judge selection, shall be formed and constituted as follows.
  - 1. For each Associate Judge vacancy occurring from August 2011, through November 2012, the Chief Judge shall select seven (7) Circuit Judges to serve on an Interview Committee, with at least one Judge being a resident of each county.
  - 2. The Chief Judge shall not serve on this Committee.
  - 3. Following a Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Associate Judge, the Office of the Chief Judge shall provide to the Committee applications and other materials received by the Office of the Chief Judge with respect to each candidate.
  - 4. The Committee shall interview each candidate but need not re-interview candidates who were previously interviewed during the term of the Committee. Interviews of the candidates shall be open to any Circuit Judge.
  - 5. The Committee shall submit a list of names to the Circuit Judges twenty-one (21) days after the close of the applications as set forth in Paragraph 5 below.
- C. The Interview Committee shall also direct one of the Associate Judges to poll the Associate Judges on the proposed candidates.
  - 1. The results of the Associate Judge Poll shall be returned to the Judge Committee indicating as to each candidate that he/she is acceptable, not acceptable or qualifications unknown.
  - 2. The poll shall be taken and the results returned to the Judge Committee within 14 days of the close of applications. The raw score of the vote shall be given to the Circuit Judges.

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3. This information shall remain confidential.

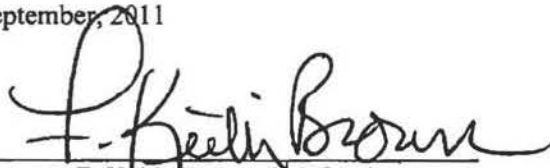
- D. The Interview Committee shall review all information, interviews, applications, other papers and documents submitted, and recommended to the Circuit Judges the names of six (6) candidates that the committee considers best qualified to be appointed to the office of Associate Judge. (if there are more than two (2) Associate Judge vacancies, the Committee may recommend additional names for consideration). The Committee shall prepare as to each recommended candidate a summary stating the reasons for its recommendations. The list and summary shall be given to the Circuit Judges at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting referenced in Paragraph 5 below.
- E. The Interview Committee shall report on the candidates at a meeting of all Circuit Judges. The Circuit Judges as a whole shall determine if those recommended by the Interview Committee are sufficiently qualified and acceptable to the judges.
1. Names may be added to or deleted from the Committee's list of recommended candidates by a majority vote of the Circuit Judges.
  2. The judges shall discuss the qualifications of the candidates in strict and absolute confidence. No information including vote totals shall be disclosed to anyone who is not a Circuit Judge of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.
  3. The Circuit Judges shall then vote on the judicial candidates pursuant to *Supreme Court Rule 39*.

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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that by a majority vote of Circuit Judges of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit regarding the 1.34 Procedure for Selection of the Office of Associate Judge is adopted in and for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

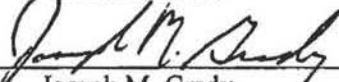
Entered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

  
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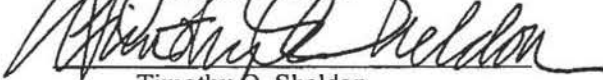
  
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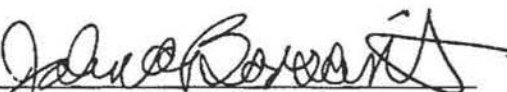
  
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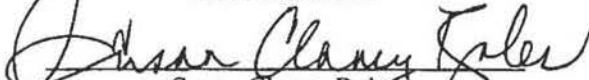
  
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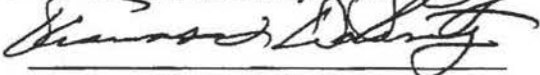
  
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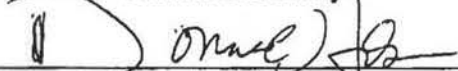
  
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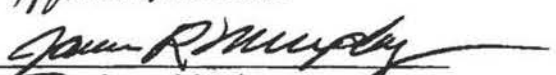
  
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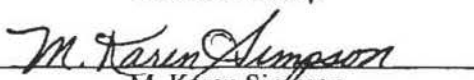
  
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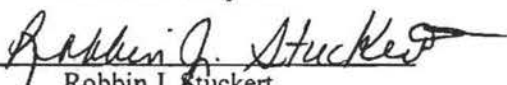
  
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