

ADMINISTRATION ORDER

NO. 07-84-11

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

**IN RE: SCHEDULE AND FUNCTION
 THE EMERGENCY DUTY JUDGE**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the circuit judges at their November, 1984 meeting and the county judges of Orange County at their November, 1984 meeting agreed to the schedule and function of the emergency duty judge; and

WHEREAS, it was agreed by the judges at these meetings that an administrative order should be entered setting forth the schedule and function of the emergency duty judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to effectuate the decision of the judges at these meetings concerning the schedule and function of the emergency duty judge and to clarify this matter, I, George N. Diamantis, Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, order as follows:

1. The emergency duty judge shall be on duty from Friday at 1:30 p.m. until the following Friday at 1:30 p.m. to hear emergency matters.
2. During weekdays, when the courts are open, the emergency duty judge should be available where he holds court during weekdays and during normal business hours until 5:00 p.m. to hear emergency matters.
3. If a particular emergency matter is assigned to a certain judge, that judge, during the normal working hours of a weekday, when the courts are open, shall hear that emergency matter if he is available by being present where he holds court.
4. If the judge to whom a particular matter is assigned is not available by being present where he holds court during normal working hours of a weekday that the courts are open, that matter shall be heard by that judge's alternate if he is available by being present where he holds court.
5. If neither the judge to whom the emergency matter has been assigned nor his alternate is available where they hold court during normal working hours of a weekday that the courts are open, the emergency matter shall be heard by the emergency duty judge or by any other judge that may be available by being present where he holds court.

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6. Emergency matters occurring after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and any emergency matters occurring during weekends or during weekdays that the courts are closed shall be heard by the emergency duty judge.

7. The emergency duty judge shall conduct first or initial appearances during weekends and during the weekdays that the courts are closed as has been the practice in this circuit.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Orlando, Florida, this 14th day of November 1984.

George N. Diamantis
Chief Judge

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All Circuit and County Judges
Public Defender
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