

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-01**

RE: Conversion of community service hours to monetary fee

**WHEREAS**, defendants may be ordered to perform community service hours as part of their sentence to benefit the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the performance of community service hours may become an obstacle to completion of probation; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida law allows for the conversion of community service hours to a monetary fee at a rate not less than the federal minimum wage; and

**WHEREAS**, to benefit the community, such converted funds will be paid to the Fines and Forfeiture fund of the Clerk of Court in the county in which the case is filed; and


**THEREFORE**, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration,

It Is Hereby ORDERED:

1. That upon proper motion and order of the court, a defendant's community service hours as ordered at sentencing may be converted to a monetary fine at the current federal minimum wage hourly rate for each hour of community service in each case, except D.U.I. related cases, in which case the rate will be the minimum required by Florida Statutes.

2. The converted funds will be paid to the Fines and Forfeiture fund of the Clerk of Court in the county in which the case is filed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in quadruplicate at Stuart, Martin County, Florida this 11 day of March, 2008.

  
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Chief Judge William L. Roby