

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017 - 18

**RE: 2017/2018 LOCAL OPTIONS, TEEN COURT, JUVENILE PROGRAMS AND
SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION BUDGETS**

WHEREAS Senate Bill 2962 of the 2004 Legislative Session allowed for the circuit and counties to continue to use accumulated Teen Court Trust Fund money and Mediation Trust Fund money until it is depleted;

WHEREAS Indian River County and Okeechobee County collect fees for Teen Court and juvenile programs pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 939.185(1)(a)4, Martin County collects fees for court programs, local options pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 939.185(1)(a)1, and for juvenile programs pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 939.185(1)(a)4, and St. Lucie County collects fees for Teen Court and juvenile programs pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 938.19;

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit to continue to operate Teen Court, Civil Citation and juvenile programs; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit to continue to provide mediation services in small claims proceedings.

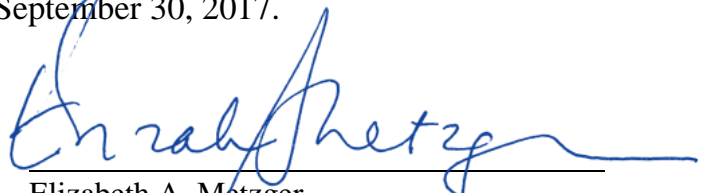
NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the power and authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Clerks of Court for **Indian River** and **Okeechobee Counties** shall issue a check in the following amounts from their respective funds pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 939.185(1)(a)4, to support the Teen Court, civil citation and juvenile programs provided by the Administrative Offices of the Court in these counties: **\$28, 779, Indian River County: and \$10,989 Okeechobee County.**
2. The Clerk of Court for **St. Lucie County** shall issue a check in the following amount from funds pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 938.19, to support Teen Court, civil citation and juvenile programs provided by the Administrative Offices of the Court in St. Lucie County: **\$80,000.**

3. The Clerk of Court for **Martin County** shall issue a check in the following amount from funds pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 939.185(1)(a)1, to support juvenile alternatives, tutoring program for at risk dependent children in Martin County cases: **\$45,000**.
4. Checks issued pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, shall be forward to the St. Lucie County Clerk of Court to establish the budgets for Teen Court and juvenile programs as specified within paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, by October 1, 2017, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
5. The Clerks of Court for Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties shall issue a check in the following amounts from their respective Mediation Trust Funds to support small claims mediation, and forward the checks to the St. Lucie County Clerk of Court to establish budgets for Mediation as indicated below by October 1, 2017, or as soon thereafter as practicable:

<u>County</u>	<u>Mediation Trust Fund</u>
Indian River County	\$ 5,160
Martin County	5,384
Okeechobee County	1,346
St. Lucie County	<u>10,544</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 22,434

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate at Stuart, Martin County, Florida this 9th day of November, 2017, *nunc pro tunc* to September 30, 2017.


 Elizabeth A. Metzger
 CHIEF JUDGE