

## **Administrative Plan - 18W Judicial Circuit**

Under the revised program of administrative Rule 14, this “plan” is submitted with specific reference to c. (2) Specialty Dockets or Programs. The 18-W Judicial Circuit has no state district court Judges at present. The district judges are named as “criminal magistrates” and from time to time handle first appearances, probable cause determinations, setting bonds and issuing search warrants under that authority. No other duties have been assigned the district judges.

### **A. Program Description**

The 18-W Judicial Circuit operates in Drug Court in Polk and Montgomery Counties. The program is post-adjudication. All participants enter pleas to either regular probation or under Act 346. A part of the plea is their specific agreement to complete the Drug Court program. Following the plea, participants sign an agreement which details Drug Court requirements. Failure to comply with those requirements may result in sanctions ranging from additional community service hours, jail time or a term at the Department of Community Correction. Continued violation may result in a petition to revoke probation handled in the usual course.

### **B. Statutory Authority**

The 18-W Judicial Circuit Drug Court program is pursuant to A.C.A. §16-98-301 et seq.

### **C. Compliance**

The 18-W Judicial Circuit Drug Court program conforms to all applicable sentencing laws including fines, fees, court costs and probation assessments.

### **D. Court Resources**

The 18-W Judicial Circuit Drug Court involves two counselors and one probation officer provided by the Department of Community Corrections. The “team” consists of these DCC employees, the Prosecuting Attorney and a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, the Chief Public Defender and the Circuit Judge. The team meets regularly to review participants compliance, potential new entrants and potential sanctions. Each participant appears before the court on a monthly basis to review progress in the program.

### **E. Source of Funding**

In addition to the funding necessary for the “team” as outlined above, program expenses are provided from the assessments on each participants (“drug court fee”) and any available treatment funding from AOC or DCC.

  
Jerry Ryan, Circuit Judge

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