# ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE NINETEENTH-EAST (19<sup>TH</sup> E) JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Administrative Order Number 14, the following administrative plan for the Nineteenth-East (19<sup>th</sup> E) Judicial District is submitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court:

## Introduction and Background

The 19<sup>th</sup> E Judicial District consists of Carroll County. Carroll County is divided into two separate districts – the Eastern district, with a county courthouse in Berryville, and the Western District, with the a county courthouse in Eureka Springs. The 19<sup>th</sup> E is a one-judge judicial district in which the judge hears all cases and the one judge is the administrative judge of the district.

## **Specialty Courts**

The 19th E Judicial District operates a drug court under the authority of the Arkansas Drug Court Act (Ark. Code Ann. § 16-98-301, et. seq.)

#### Administrative Plan – 19th E Judicial Circuit

Under the revised program of administrative Rule 14, this "plan" is submitted with specific references to c. (2) Specialty Dockets or Programs. The 19<sup>th</sup> E Judicial Circuit has one state district court Judge.

#### A. Program Description

The 19th E Judicial Circuit operates a Drug Court in Carroll County. 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 19th E Judicial Circuit Drug Court program is pursuant to A.C.A. §16-98-301 *et. seq.* 

### C. Compliance

The 19th E Judicial Drug Court program conforms to all applicable sentencing laws includes fines, fees, court costs and probation assessments.

#### D. Court Resources

The 19<sup>th</sup> E Judicial Circuit Drug Court involves two counselors and two probation officers provided by the Department of Community Corrections. The "team" consists of these DCC employees, the Prosecuting Attorney, and a Department 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 in the program.

## E. Source of Funding

In addition to the finding 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.

The 19th E has no other special courts.

#### **District Courts**

The 19th E is presently servied by State District Court-District 3, which includes Carroll and Madison Counties. Honorable Dale Ramsey presides.

This Administrative Plan is adopted and respectfully submitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court on this / 7 day of 2017.

Scott Jackson, Circuit Judge 19-E Judicial Judge