

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 10.008

IN RE:

ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL
TRAFFIC INFRACTION
HEARING OFFICER PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, Florida Statute Sections 318.30 - 318.38, provide for the establishment of a Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Program ("the Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Judges of the County Court of Monroe County have recommended that the Program be established; and

WHEREAS, the Program is necessary to the administration of justice in this circuit, to assist in the effective management of caseloads in the County Courts, and to help to achieve prompt and cost effective resolution of civil traffic infraction cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- (1) General Provisions. The Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Program is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of Florida Law.

The Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer (CTHO) shall be an independent contractor appointed by the Chief Judge, and shall enter into a written agreement with the Chief Judge. The written agreement shall describe in general terms the duties of the CTHO and shall set forth the rate of pay established by the Chief Judge pursuant to Florida Statute Section 318.37.

- (2) Jurisdiction, Limitations. All civil traffic infractions shall be heard by the CTHO except:
- a. Cases involving an accident resulting in injury or death; or
 - b. Civil traffic infractions filed in conjunction with criminal traffic offenses;

Matters of contempt and appeals from the CTHO shall be heard by a Circuit Civil Judge.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 29 day of January, 1999.

Hon. Sandra Taylor, Chief Judge