

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2.044

IN RE:

JURY SERVICES FEE DONATION
_____:

WHEREAS, Section 40.24, Florida Statutes, was amended adding subsection (8) which allows jurors to donate their jury service upon conclusion of jury service to the 26 U.S.C.s. 501(c)(3) organization specified by the guardian ad litem program or to a domestic violence shelter as specified annually on a rotating basis by the clerk of court; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to make this option available to the jurors of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution (Article V, Section 2) gives the chief judge administrative supervision over all county and circuit courts; and

WHEREAS, Sections 40.105, 40.02 and 40.225, Florida Statutes, give the chief judge authority over various jury -related matters; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, gives the chief judge general supervisory authority over trial courts; and

WHEREAS, it would appear that the method by which a chief judge would exercise the election to allow jurors to donate would be by administrative order, defined by Rule 2.020(c), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, as “a directive necessary to administer properly the court’s affairs...”;

NOW, therefore, IT IS ORDERED:

Any juror may irrevocably donate all of the juror’s compensation to the Guardian ad Litem Guild or a domestic violence shelter.

The Clerk is authorized to establish procedures in accordance with the amended statute to forward such donations to the designated entity.

DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this the 2 day of April 1998.

Sandra Taylor
Chief Judge

