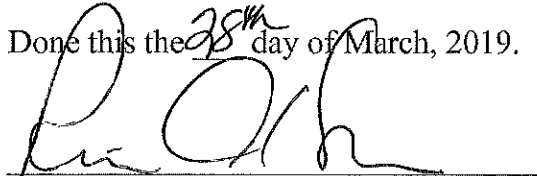


**IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA
STANDING ORDER REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS**


The Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit have determined that it would be beneficial to the administration of justice in the Circuit Courts of Madison County for a General Administrative Order to be entered for a preliminary screening of all defendants requesting Mental Health Evaluations. Therefore, the following is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Effective immediately, upon the filing of a Motion for Mental Evaluation in any criminal case, the assigned judge shall schedule the defendant for a preliminary screening before Judge Ruth Ann Hall.
2. Judge Hall will provide a list of dates and times for said screenings. Screenings of incarcerated defendants will occur at the courtroom in the Madison County jail. All other defendants will be screened in Judge Hall's courtroom #4, Room 333, Madison County Courthouse.
3. Following the preliminary screening, if there is no need for further examination, Judge Hall will refer the matter back to the assigned judge for further proceedings
4. Following the preliminary screening, if it is determined that further examination by the Department of Mental Health is warranted the case will be reassigned to Judge Hall. At that time an attorney experienced with cases of this type may be appointed.
5. A copy of this Order shall be distributed to all members of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, shall be posted on the website for the 23rd Judicial Circuit, and shall be maintained in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and the Court Administrator's Office.


Done this the ^{25th} day of March, 2019.



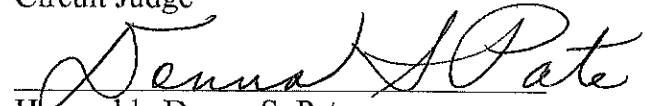
Honorable Ruth Ann Hall
Presiding Judge




Honorable Karen K. Hall
Circuit Judge



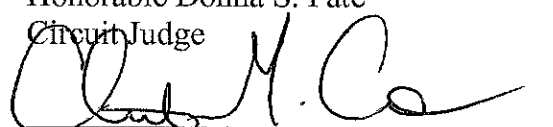
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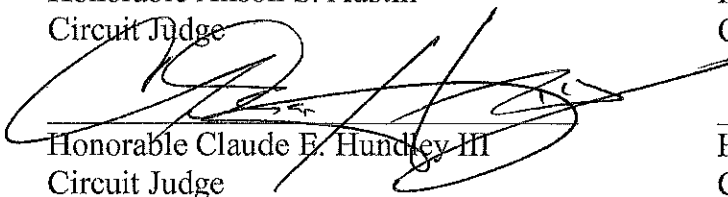
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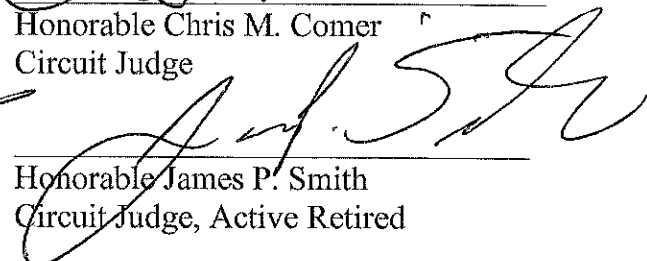
Honorable Alison S. Austin
Circuit Judge



Honorable Chris M. Comer
Circuit Judge



Honorable Claude E. Hundley III
Circuit Judge



Honorable James P. Smith
Circuit Judge, Active Retired