

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN
OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES.

SECOND AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 91-1

Pursuant to a conference with the Jury Management Committee and after examining the jury reports for the last twelve months, I find it is necessary to Amend Administrative Order 91-1 in an effort to better utilize jurors while effectively cutting costs. Therefore, as Chief Judge pursuant to Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Each Judicial Assistant is to notify the Jury Clerk by 4:00 P.M. as to the number of jurors needed for the next work day.
2. Judges shall not conduct docket calls or motion hearings at the same time that jurors are scheduled to appear in court for jury selection. In addition, the maximum waiting time for a qualified juror to be sent to a courtroom for voir dire shall not exceed (1) one hour.
3. Judges shall advise the Jury Clerk of the settlement of cases as soon as possible to avoid jurors being called into the courtroom.
4. Judges shall provide the Jury Clerk a trial schedule at least four weeks in advance and shall advise if an increased panel size is necessary due to the type of case to be tried or use of multiple voir dire.
5. Multiple jury selection shall be used in all criminal cases when appropriate. Civil Division judges should utilize multiple jury selection or at least have a second trial available (back-up) if the first trial settles.
6. The following standards shall be utilized when advising the Jury Clerk as to the number of jurors needed.

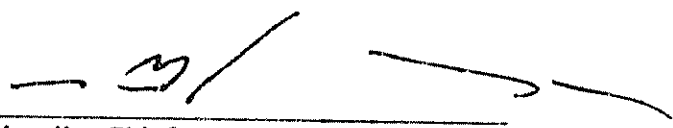
1 Felony Trial - 21 jurors
1 Civil Trial - 16 jurors
1 Misdemeanor Trial - 14 jurors
1 Summary Trial - 10 jurors

For each additional trial, whether civil or criminal, add 7 jurors. In a civil or misdemeanor case, add 6 jurors for each additional party, or co-defendant. In felony cases, a capital, life, or co-defendant case will require the entire panel of 35 jurors (if using multiple selection, select a capital, life or codefendant case first).

7. Jurors that report to the courtroom for jury service are to be excused from any further service that week unless selected to sit on a trial. In addition, the use of back-up panels is to be discontinued.

8. Judges shall encourage all parties concerned that notification of settlements or plea agreements should be timely in an effort to effectively cut costs by reducing the number of jurors to be called for service.
9. Each judge should minimize the number of non-statutory excusals granted during jury selection.
10. Judges should not excuse any unused jurors unless the Jury Clerk has indicated that the jurors are not needed in any other courtroom.

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate, at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida this 26 day of April, 1995.



L.B. Vocelle, Chief Judge