The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Solicitor's Intervention Substance Abuse Monitoring Program for the Seventh Judicial Circuit

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

I FIND that the Solicitor's Intervention Substance Abuse Monitoring Program for the Seventh Judicial Circuit is a monitoring program that can provide significant treatment to individuals who are abusing drugs, including prescription drugs, and who have committed non-violent crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Solicitor's Intervention Substance Abuse Monitoring Program for the Seventh Judicial Circuit ("Program") is established. Charges accepted for the Program must be non-violent and adjudicated in Transfer Court. Following the adjudication of a defendant's charge(s), a defendant may be admitted to the Program in lieu of a fine and/or incarceration, as a suspended sentence. Additional criteria for admission to the Program include that a defendant has an abuse issue with drugs, including prescription drugs, and that the defendant is willing to participate in treatment. Upon successful completion of the Program, the sentence ordered in Transfer Court will be considered satisfied provided all other court costs and requirements have been met. If a participant is discharged from the Program for noncompliance, the defendant's case will be returned to Transfer Court and the original suspended fine and/or incarceration will be imposed.

The requirements and fees for the Program, which will be posted on the website for the Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office as well as at the Solicitor's Offices in Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties, will comply with S.C. Code Ann. §§ 17-22-10 to -170 (2014 & Supp. 2023).

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.

s/Donald W. BeattyDonald W. BeattyChief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina March 18, 2024