

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program

ORDER

I FIND that the South Carolina Legislature, recognizing the need for and benefits of a Veterans Treatment Court Program, enacted the Veterans Treatment Court Program Act on June 10, 2014, which establishes a diversionary program to be administered by circuit solicitors. Veterans Treatment Court Programs are intended to divert qualifying nonviolent military veteran offenders away from the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment programs.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Charles B. Simmons, Jr., Master-In-Equity for Greenville County, may preside over the existing Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's Veterans Treatment Court Program, which includes both Greenville and Pickens Counties. Pursuant to this assignment, Judge Simmons may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's Veterans Treatment Court Program. Sanctions are limited to public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the program. Judge Simmons will have concurrent jurisdiction in Greenville and Pickens counties pursuant to this order.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.

s/Donald W. Beatty
Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina
January 22, 2024