

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Solicitor's Intervention Mental Health Program for the Seventh Judicial
Circuit

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

I FIND that the Solicitor's Intervention Mental Health Program for the Seventh Judicial Circuit is an intervention program to address the particular needs of first-time offenders with mental health issues.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Solicitor's Intervention Mental Health Program for the Seventh Judicial Circuit ("Program") is established. Criteria for the Program include that a defendant has a mental illness, is charged with a non-violent offense, and agrees to a mental health assessment, follow-up treatment if deemed necessary, and continued compliance with any prescribed medication(s). Upon successful completion of the Program, the charge(s) will be dismissed and eligible for expungement. If a participant is discharged from the Program due to noncompliance, the defendant's charge(s) will be returned to the Solicitor's Office or law enforcement for traditional prosecution in the appropriate court.

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This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.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. Beatty
Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina
March 18, 2024