

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Second Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program

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## ORDER

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I FIND 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. The 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 a Veterans Treatment Court Program shall be established in the Second Circuit for Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell Counties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Honorable Tracey L. Carroll, Magistrate Judge for Aiken County, is assigned to preside over the Second Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program. Pursuant to this appointment, Judge Carroll may preside over bond hearings, motions, and other proceedings related to defendants participating in the Veterans Treatment Court Program. Further, Judge Carroll may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Veterans Treatment Court Program. Sanctions may include public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Second Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program. Judge Carroll will have concurrent jurisdiction in Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell 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This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.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  
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