

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Twelfth Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program

ORDER

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. 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 Twelfth Circuit for Florence and Marion Counties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Honorable Dominic G. Owens, Magistrate Judge for Florence County, is assigned to preside over the Twelfth Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program. Pursuant to the appointment, Judge Owens may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Veterans Treatment Court Program. Sanctions are limited to public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Program. Judge Owens will have concurrent jurisdiction in Florence and Marion 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This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.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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