

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Dorchester County Adult Drug Court Program

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## ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Russell A. DeMott, Magistrate for Dorchester County, may preside over the existing Dorchester County Adult Drug Court Program ("Program"). Pursuant to this assignment, Judge DeMott may preside over bond hearings, motions, and other proceedings related to the defendant's participation in the Program. Judge DeMott may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Program. Sanctions are limited to public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Honorable Mary L. Blunt, Probate Judge for Dorchester County, may preside over the Program in the absence of Judge DeMott. Pursuant to this assignment, Judge Blunt may preside over bond hearings, motions, and other proceedings related to the defendant's participation in the Program. Judge Blunt may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Program. Sanctions are limited to public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Dorchester County Adult Drug Court Program Orders dated November 13, 2009 and February 4, 2011 are hereby rescinded.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Chief Justice.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 26, 2024