

**Addendum  
to  
Administrative Plan  
31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District**

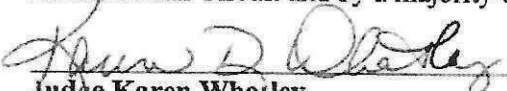
**Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Services Program**

The Pulaski County Circuit Court has established a program offering substance abuse services and pre-trial release supervision to address the needs of high risk/high need persons who may suffer from, or are afflicted with, drug and alcohol addiction and related abuse disorders. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14 and Administrative Order No. 18, the administrative plan for the judicial circuit may refer to state district judges certain criminal duties with respect to an investigation or prosecution of an offense lying within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit court. The administrative plan for the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit authorizes the state district judges in the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District to perform the following duties: Reasonable Cause Determinations pursuant to Rule 4.1 (e), Conduct First Appearances Pursuant to Rule 8.1, Appoint Counsel Pursuant to Rule 8.2, Inform Defendants Pursuant to Rule 8.3, Accept Pleas of "Not Guilty" or "Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect", Conduct Pretrial Release Inquiries pursuant to Rules 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3, and Conduct Preliminary Hearings pursuant to A.C.A. §16-93-307. Accordingly, Judge Melanie Martin, Judge Randy Morley, and Judge Paula Juels Jones are designated to administer the Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Services Program.

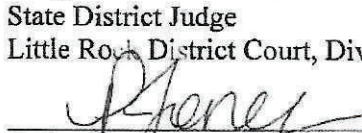
- a. **Type of Program and Description of Operations:** The Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Services Program is a voluntary, pre-adjudication, highly intensive, pre-trial recognizance release supervision program designed to address the needs of high risk/high needs persons who may suffer from, or are afflicted with, drug and alcohol addiction and related abuse disorders. This pre-trial release program is available only to defendants meeting program eligibility requirements and is available to the departments of the district courts in the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District. The program is available to defendants who are in custody and during normal court sessions at Little Rock District Court-1<sup>st</sup> Div. Criminal, 600 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201 & North Little Rock District Court-1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Criminal cases, 1 Justice Center Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72114.
- b. **Statutory/Legal Authority:** The Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Services Program operates pursuant to Ark. R. Crim. P. Rules 8.1 through 9.6, Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 14, Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 18, other Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, Arkansas state law, and the United States Constitution.
- c. **Certification of Compliance:** The judges utilizing this program certify that the program conforms to all applicable sentencing laws, including fines, fees, court costs, and supervision/probation assessments.

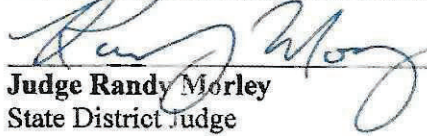
- d. **Sources of Funding** : This program is grant funded and requires no additional operating expenses for the Court(s). No financial commitments or additional human resources (which might result in any additional responsibilities by the Prosecuting Attorney or the Public Defender) will be requested or anticipated. When the grant expires, the Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Program will cease, unless and/or until funded again, through the same or a similar grant.
- e. **Grant Name**: The name of the grant is the Pulaski County Substance Abuse Services Program. This program is established pursuant to a Pulaski County grant that assists qualifying defendants who are in custody to undergo drug and alcohol treatment at a designated contract facility.
- f. **Additional Resources**: The Pulaski County Alternative Substance Abuse Services Program receives support from the City of Little Rock, the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, the Public Defender Commission, and the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The addendum to the Administrative Plan was adopted by a majority of the circuit judges of the Sixth Judicial Circuit and by a majority of the district judges of the Thirty First Judicial District.

  
 Judge Karen Whatley  
 Circuit Judge, Division 7  
 Date 5/22/2023

  
 Judge Melanie Martin  
 State District Judge  
 Little Rock District Court, Division 1  
 Date 5/22/23

  
 Judge Paula Juels Jones  
 State District Judge  
 North Little Rock District Court, Division 1  
 Date 5-23-23

  
 Judge Randy Morley  
 State District Judge  
 North Little Rock District Court, Division 2  
 Date 5-23-23