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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTIES OF GREENVILLE)
PICKENS)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS)
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS)

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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County employees are paid on the basis of thirty-seven and one half (37 1/2) hours per week. They are paid regular hourly wages up to forty (40) hours per week. For hours worked in excess of forty hours the Clerks of Court are required to pay their employees one and one half (1 1/2) times their hourly rate. The Sheriffs are required to do the same with respect to their employees working as Courthouse security officers. In addition to their regular courtroom duties Deputy Clerks of Court have paperwork which must be processed, e.g., faxing sentences to the jail. State employees, although salaried, generally are expected to work forty hour weeks. The Court Reporters, in addition to in court hours, must type at night and on week-ends because Court Administration is not able to provide a sufficient number of unassigned weeks for them to stay current.

Jurors suffer financially and in other ways when required to spend a week on jury duty. Many of them must tend to business affairs before and after regular Court hours. Other jurors have children to pick up at day care centers on or before 6 P. M. Many jurors, as well as Courthouse personnel and employees, have other legitimate commitments after regular working hours. Some jurors also have expressed concern over safety involved with

to park behind the auditorium and walk to their cars after dark.

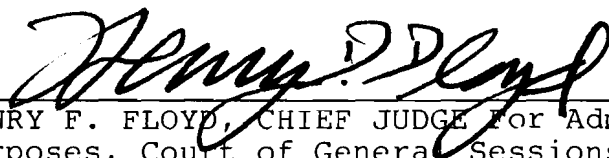
The Order of the Chief Justice designating Chief Administrative Judges authorizes us, as Chief Administrative Judges to set hours of Court. For the reasons set forth above, we find it is necessary to set hours of court during weeks involving jury trials. It is, therefore,

ORDERED, that absent exceptional circumstances, Court shall not commence before 9:00 o'clock A. M. nor run past 5:30 P. M. Jurors and employees shall be provided a lunch recess of at least one (1) hour and preferably one and one half (1 1/2) hours. Except in the simplest of cases where a reasonably fast verdict can be expected, a jury should not be charged after 4:00 o'clock P. M. If a jury has not reached a verdict by 6 P. M., the presiding judge should make every effort to recess the trial and release the jurors until the following morning

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C. VICTOR PYLE, JR., Chief Judge For
Administrative Purposes, Court of Common Pleas



HENRY F. FLOYD, CHIEF JUDGE For Administrative
Purposes, Court of General Sessions

February 4, 1993