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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE STATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In the matter of:

**Cherokee County Veterans Treatment** 

Court

Administration and Procedure

## INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE

WHEREAS the Judges of the Superior and State Courts of Cherokee County, recognizing the increasing need for alternative means of addressing the needs of veterans within the justice system, have agreed to the establishment of the Cherokee County Veterans Treatment Court (CCVTC); and

WHEREAS the Chief Judges of the Superior and State Court of Cherokee County are desirous of providing for the manner in which cases considered for inclusion in the Veterans Treatment Court are most efficiently managed,

The following operating procedure is adopted:

All decisions regarding the acceptance of cases referred into the CCVTC program shall be made by the Veterans Treatment Court Team which will consist of the Presiding Judge, Court Coordinator, Defense Attorney, Treatment Provider and representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Solicitor General's Office, Sheriff's Office, State Probate Court Office and Georgia Probation Management.

Upon determination by the Veterans Treatment Court Team that a defendant is appropriate for admission to the Veterans Treatment Court Program and that defendant is willing to enter said program, an order transferring that matter to the Presiding Judge of the CCVTC shall be entered and shall be signed by the Judge that the matter is currently assigned to, the Presiding Judge of the CCVTC, the prosecutor, and the probation officer (if applicable).

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Following transfer, the Presiding Judge of the CCVTC shall be responsible for all further dispositions in the matter; including termination from the Veterans Treatment Court Program, except as may otherwise be agreed.

This Order supersedes the Order entered on July 17, 2017 in Minute Book 201, Page 1477.

SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Ellen McElyea, Chief Judge Cherokee County Superior Court

Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

W. Alan Jordan, Chief Judge State Court of Cherokee County

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