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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE HON. MICHAEL A. STONE, SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICT 29 (MOORE COUNTY & HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA) REGARDING FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY WITHIN THIS DISTRICT'S COURTHOUSES

WHEREAS, this administrative order is issued pursuant to this Court's inherent authority and pursuant to the authority granted to me by the North Carolina Constitution and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-41.1. "Through its inherent power the court has authority to do all things that are reasonably necessary for the proper administration of justice." *Beard v. North Carolina State Bar*, 320 N.C. 126, 129 (1987).

WHEREAS, this Court has been requested by letter by an organization (the ACLU) to issue an administrative order that would actively encourage and support attempts to thwart Federal Law Enforcement, to include ICE, from carrying out and exercising their legitimate mandate to enforce the laws of the United States of America, and that would encourage the Judges, Judicial Officials, Attorneys, and local Law Enforcement Officers of Judicial District 29 to obstruct justice and violate their respective oaths. Specifically, this Court has been requested to ban ICE from entering certain areas to make lawful arrests within District 29's courthouses or on courthouse grounds, and to discourage any cooperation with ICE.

WHEREAS, across this great Country, it appears that certain fellow jurists have indeed decided to embark upon efforts to thwart ICE, and by so doing, they are violating the law and their respective oaths. Specifically, it is alleged that a Wisconsin Judge actively helped and assisted a law violator to elude arrest from ICE, and it is alleged that a New Mexico Judge was actively harboring members of a violent international gang to shield said gang members from ICE. If true, said conduct is outrageous and abhorrent. Moreover, organizations across this country, such as the ACLU, are actively lobbying Judicial Officials in every State to make every effort to thwart ICE from carrying out their mandate to protect this Country from illegal entry. They claim this is to ensure, inter alia, "Due Process." In reality, such efforts are encouraging criminal conduct on a massive scale, and, if these efforts succeed, they threaten the security and peace of this Country, to include Moore County and Hoke County.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all North Carolina Judges, Judicial Officials, Attorneys (as officers of this Court) and Law Enforcement Officers to uphold and adhere to the laws of the United States of America and of the State of North Carolina, all said men and women have taken oaths swearing to do so and we are not allowed to and must not pick and choose which laws to enforce or ignore for partisan political reasons.

WHEREAS, ignoring the law for partisan political reasons will lead to chaos and anarchy.

WHEREAS, this Court cannot abide such blatant unlawful conduct and sit idly by while outside agitators are encouraging the Judges, Judicial Officials, Attorneys and Law Enforcement Officers of Moore County and Hoke County to violate the law and their solemn oaths.

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that this Court must issue an administrative order regarding these matters to ensure the proper administration of justice in Moore County and Hoke County.

WHEREFORE, this Court issues the following Order:

- All Judges, Judicial Officials, Attorneys and Law Enforcement Officers are ordered not to obstruct or impede the efforts of any Law Enforcement Officer, either Federal or State, to include ICE, in carrying out their duties to make lawful arrests within this District's courthouses or on courthouse grounds;
- 2. All bailiffs assigned to this District's courthouses are ordered to cooperate, assist and coordinate with all other Federal and State Law Enforcement Officers, to include ICE, if such Law Enforcement Officers make it known to them that a lawful arrest needs to be made within this District's courthouses or on courthouse grounds;
- 3. To the extent possible, and by alerting the Judge presiding over a session of either Superior Court or District Court, said arrest shall be made so as not to interrupt a proceeding in progress, unless said Law Enforcement Officers deem the same necessary for the protection and safety of the public or to prevent a suspect or potential law violator from eluding arrest; and
- Any Judge, Judicial Official, Attorney or Law Enforcement Officer that violates this Order shall be summoned before this Court for contempt proceedings and may face disciplinary action against them, if applicable.

SO ORDERED, this the 28th day of April, 2025.

The Hon. Michael A. Stone, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge