JUDGE STACY ROSS
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
Courtroom North Wing #5810
Zoom Courtroom Link: https://17thflcourts.zoom.us/j/186476648
Office phone number: (954) 831-7396

Zoom Availability

The Judge presides in-person in courtroom #5810 in the West Wing of the Broward County Courthouse on a daily basis. This Division also employs the use of the Zoom platform. The **Zoom MEETING ID for the Judge's regular docket is: 186 476 648.** In order to appear via zoom, permission must be granted by the Judge in advance of the hearing. You may seek permission by following the instructions below under the heading "Communication with the Judge's Office." The Judge does allow zoom appearances for case management conferences (including diversion statuses, calendar calls, fast track hearings) if a party lives out of county and/or will experience an undue hardship by attending in person. However, all parties should appear in person for evidentiary hearings, including trials and motions to suppress.

Please be aware that there is a separate Zoom link for Detention Hearings. If a case is set for a **DETENTION HEARING** before Judge Ross, it will be heard at 11 am on the designated Detention Hearing link using **MEETING ID: 997 2512 2895.** Juveniles and their respective guardians are expected to attend Detention Hearings in person.

Additional Zoom Guidelines:

Zoom is a courtroom setting. You may only appear on the judge's courtroom Zoom link on the date your case is scheduled on the Court docket. The judge does not address matters that do not appear on her daily docket. Please be on time, with your camera on, your device fully charged, and appropriately dressed for Court. Cases are called in the order determined by the courtroom staff in accordance with each docket. When your case is called, please state your full name and identify your position and/or relationship to the Juvenile.

Communication with the Judge's Office

The Code of Judicial Conducts precludes judicial assistants and other court room staff from speaking to the parties about substantive matters in any case. Furthermore, the judicial assistant and other courtroom staff are not legally qualified to provide legal advice to anyone. Legal questions should be referred to the lawyers assigned to the case.

The Code of Judicial Conduct also prohibits judges from considering ex-parte (or one-sided) communications. As a result, any issue to be considered by the Judge should be in the form of a motion filed with the Clerk of Court and copies provided to all parties. However, the mere filing of a motion with the Clerk does not automatically bring the matter before the Judge. A copy must be provided to the Judge. All such correspondence should be sent directly to the Judge's judicial assistant, Chela Iverson, at civerson@17th.flcourts.org. Emailing the judicial assistant is the preferred method of communication. The judicial assistant will then communicate with the parties to schedule the motion for a time and date in open court, if needed. Please be prepared to

tell the judicial assistant how much time is required for the hearing. If you need to contact the judicial assistant via telephone, Ms. Iverson can be reached at (954)831-7396. All phone calls will be returned no later than the next business day.

Additional communication considerations for Families:

As stated above, the Judicial Canons **do not permit the judge to speak to you personally** about a case outside of the courtroom setting.

If a private attorney, regional counsel, or a public defender represents your family member, it is appropriate to contact them first for case information and assistance.
If the youth is on probation, please contact your youth's probation office for instructions.

Probation Office: (954) 467-4600
Regional Counsel: (954) 713-1220
Public Defender: (954) 831-8650
For Diversion status or Program information, you may contact the Unified Family Court Case Management Team at (954) 831-7252.

When seeking assistance, please note that **due to the confidentiality of juvenile matters**, you must provide the youth's full name as it appears in the court records, and identify your relationship to the juvenile**.** If possible, include the case number.

If you send any information to the judge's office, you should first send it to the juvenile's public defender or private attorney for review. The judge may not view any case material that has not been provided to the attorneys, including the prosecutor, first.

Orders: AGREED orders may be submitted via email to the judicial assistant (civerson@17th.flcourts.org) to be reviewed in chambers. The orders must include the agreed upon language of the attorneys, or if the order is the result of a hearing, the language of the judge's ruling at hearing. Please include in your email and motion a statement of opposing counsel's agreement, a pdf of the order with a descriptive title including "AGREED" language, and copied to all parties.

Hearing Requests: For disputed matters that require judicial intervention, please provide the judicial assistant with a copy of your motion and include the total amount of time necessary for ALL parties to be heard.

Status Hearing Requests: "Status Hearings" may be set via the judge in the courtroom, and as such all parties are informed and aware of the purpose of the future status hearing. Please do not request a "status hearing" via the judicial assistant without indicating the general purpose of the hearing, and/or providing a motion, if applicable.

Continuances and Cancellations: Continuances: First, reach an agreement with opposing counsel to continue or cancel a hearing, then email the judicial assistant at civerson@17th.flcourts.org and provide your preferred, agreed upon new date. Attach your motion and order to the email. Upon your receipt of the signed order, the petitioning party shall immediately notify all participants of the new date. For cancellations of a hearing, please send an email to the judicial assistant indicating both parties agree to cancel a hearing. If an agreement between counsel cannot be reached, please email the judicial assistant for a hearing date.

Setting Trials & Final VOP's: Trials and Final VOP's are set in the courtroom via the docket during calendar calls/status hearings.

Exhibits for Evidentiary Proceedings- If you have exhibits for an upcoming evidentiary proceeding that you are seeking to introduce via zoom or a motion in limine prior to a trial, you may contact the judicial assistant and request a **Pretrial Conference**. Please notice all parties with a copy of your motion prior to the pretrial conference. The judge may also set such a conference from the courtroom when all parties are present.

Emergencies: All requests for Emergency Relief shall comply with the 17th Judicial Circuit's definition of an emergency, and must be submitted in writing to the Court. Every effort must be made to present your emergency to the case's assigned delinquency judge. In the event the assigned judge is unavailable, emergencies should be submitted first to an alternate juvenile delinquency judge, and if one is not available, then to Court Administration/Case Management Division, Court Programs Manager, Juvenile Delinquency at ybrown@17th.flcourts.org, for instructions. Include and provide all parties with a copy of your emergency motion, along with a cover letter advising how much time is necessary. Copy the assigned delinquency division judge's judicial assistant. Please include a contact phone number at which you are immediately reachable.

Courtesy Copies: Judge Ross prefers that you submit hard copies of your motions, documents and law to the Judge's office three business days prior to the court hearing. At minimum, these copies should be provided at the time of hearing in the courtroom. Opposing counsel should be provided with courtesy copies immediately upon setting the hearing.

Preferred Division Forms:

See Plea Form

Description and/or procedures in Judge Ross' Problem-Solving and Therapeutic Court Programs:

GIRLS COURT

Girls Court is open to all girls in Broward County's juvenile justice system. It is held bi-monthly. Female juveniles already assigned to Judge Stacy Ross are automatically set on the Girls Court docket. Girls in the other juvenile courtrooms may participate upon stipulation of the parties. The purpose of this specialized court is to offer gender-responsive and strength-based services, while ensuring due process. The goal is to decrease the girls' deeper involvement with the juvenile and adult court systems while addressing the trauma and victimization that typically lead them into the system. Other relevant factors addressed are: education, chronic runaway status, domestic minor sex trafficking, pregnancy, drug use and poverty. This initiative includes collaboration among all interested parties, including the Court, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, voluntary service providers, Broward schools and the community. For questions regarding Girls Court, please contact Case Management at (954) 831-7252.

RISE COURT

RISE (Restoring Independence, Strength, Empowerment) is a specialized, therapeutic court program dedicated to the unique needs of child-survivors of human trafficking. This court program provides wrap-around services to those children and young adults in the dependency/delinquency court system. For further information regarding procedures and eligibility for RISE Court, please refer to Administrative Order 2019-47-UFC.

PETITIONS FOR EXPUNCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 943.0583, (HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM EXPUNCTION)

Administrative Order 2021-63-Crim establishes that all petitions filed pursuant to 943.0583, Florida Statutes, shall be heard by Judge Stacy Ross. Upon filing a petition with the Clerk of the Court, the moving party shall simultaneously provide a courtesy copy and all supporting documents to Judge Stacy Ross. The Court further requests that a copy of said petition be provided to the Assistant State Attorney handling such matters. If a hearing is needed, the judicial assistant shall coordinate with the parties upon receipt of the petition. Any party who files a petition under this statute has an obligation to ensure such filing complies with all rules governing the confidentiality of court records.