



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2006-00-05

RE: DUTIES OF MAGISTRATES SERVING  
THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Whereas, the State Legislature has provided magistrates and child support hearing officers to circuits to continue the efficient disposition of civil, family law, dependency, probate, guardianship, Baker Act and Marchman Act cases; and

Whereas, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit, pursuant to Section 43.26, Florida Statutes, has administrative supervision over all the trial courts within the judicial circuit and over the judges and other officers of such courts;

Whereas, the Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, pursuant to Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, has the responsibility to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit;

Whereas, the Chief Judge, through the plan, ensures the administrative organization of the circuit to effect the prompt disposition of cases and effective use of court resources.

Now Therefore, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the following shall be the duties which are to assist the judges of the judges by the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit's Magistrates:


1. Conduct shelter care hearings;
2. Conduct dependency arraignments and judicial reviews;
3. Conduct pro se family law proceedings including temporary and final hearings;
4. Conduct Baker/Marchman Act Hearings;
5. Conduct temporary hearings in family law cases as agreed by private counsel;

6. Conduct adjudicatory hearings in dependency cases agreed upon by counsel (excluding termination of parental right's proceedings);
7. Conduct guardianship proceedings agreed upon by counsel or parties;
8. Conduct other circuit civil hearings agreed upon by counsel or parties as time permits on the magistrate's calendar;
9. Conduct Title IV-D child support hearings as a back-up to the hearing officer if a conflict arises or the hearing officer is on leave; and
10. Conduct county civil hearings agreed upon by counsel or parties to support county judges doing circuit court work.

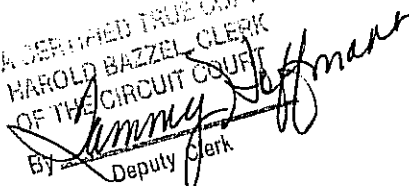
Objections by parties or counsel to a magistrate conducting a proceeding or an objection to the Magistrate's recommendation shall return to the regularly assigned Judge.

Objections to a shelter care hearing shall be rescheduled before the circuit duty Judge.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida this 27 day of April, 2006, to become effective July 1, 2006.

  
 WILLIAM L. WRIGHT, CHIEF JUDGE



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