

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 98-05

IN RE: CHILD SUPPORT HEARING OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Revenue has provided funding to establish a child support hearing officer program; and

WHEREAS, the judiciary in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit wishes to establish a child support hearing officer program.

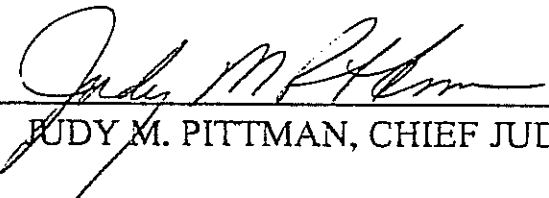
IT IS THEREFORE,

ORDERED THAT:

1. A part-time child support hearing officer program is hereby established to handle selected child support cases in Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Washington and Holmes Counties.
2. David Johnson, Esquire, is hereby appointed as a part-time child support hearing officer.
3. Upon the filing of the cause of action or other proceeding for the establishment, enforcement, or modification of support by the Department of Revenue wherein the party seeking support is receiving services pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1302), or not receiving services (non IV-D proceedings), the Clerks of the Courts of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit are hereby directed to refer such cases to the child support hearing officer.
4. All proceedings conducted before the child support hearing officer shall be reported by electronic recording methods pursuant to provisions of Fla.R. J.D.Admin.2.070(c).

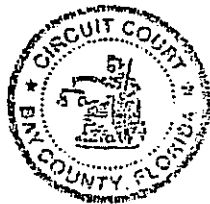
5. The child support hearing officer shall perform such duties and possess such powers as enumerated within Fla. Fam. Law R.P. 12.491.
6. This order shall become effective on August 20, 1998.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 20 day of August, 1998.

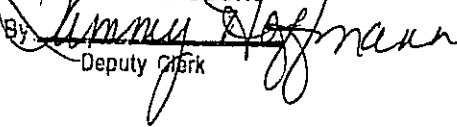


JUDY M. PITTMAN, CHIEF JUDGE

xc: All Judges, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
All Clerks of the Courts of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
David Johnson, Esq.



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