



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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-00-05

RE: GOVERNING CASES INVOLVING THE HAGUE CONVENTION
ON CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

WHEREAS, the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (hereinafter "the Convention") is a mechanism for parents seeking the return of children who have been wrongfully removed or retained from the child's country of habitual residence; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Convention, a person whose custody rights have been breached by the wrongful removal or retention of a child under the age of sixteen may petition to the appropriate court where the child is located; and

WHEREAS, once an application for return has been filed, the court is required to act expeditiously in the proceedings for the return of the child; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Florida State Courts System to better protect children from the effects of their wrongful removal through the establishment of a network of Florida judges who develop expertise in this important area of law;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and in accordance with Supreme Court of Florida Administrative Order No. AOSC19-19, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, I hereby designate **THE HONORABLE SHONNA YOUNG GAY** with the primary responsibility for handling Convention cases filed with the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 3rd day of July, 2019.



A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
BILL KINSAUL CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Gabriela Barbero
Deputy Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. N. Patterson".

HON. CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON
CHIEF JUDGE