

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BROWARD  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. II-88-C-1

IN RE:

TEMPORARY SUPPORT  
Authorization of Hearing  
Officers

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In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and the Administrative Order of the Chief Justice dated April 8, 1988, and pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.491, it is

ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. For the purposes of considering proceedings for the establishment, enforcement or modification of support, both in those cases in which the party seeking support is receiving services pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and in those cases in which the party seeking support is not receiving such services, Hearing Officers may be utilized to comply with the rules recited herein. Previously designated General Masters are referred to as Hearing Officers for the purposes of compliance.
2. All pending and future Support Enforcement Division, Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (URESA) and any State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) IV-D and Non-IV-D, Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC) cases filed with the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida shall be referred to the Hearing Officer assigned to each Circuit Civil Division.
3. Hearing Officers will schedule such hearings taking thirty (30) minutes or less within five (5) working days of the date of application pursuant to the Requirements of Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.085 (d) (1) (6).
4. All matters concerning the Baker Act (Florida Chapter 394) and Adjudication of Incompetency (Florida Chapter 744) shall be referred to the Hearing Officers/General Masters of this court for further proceedings pursuant to Rule 1.490 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Said Hearing Officers/General Masters are hereby authorized to require such investigations and examinations and hold such hearings as she/he may deem necessary.
5. Any Civil Division Judge wishing to retain any such hearings may so notify the Hearing Officer by written notice to all interested parties with a copy to the assigned Hearing Officer.
6. The Hearing Officer shall report findings and recommendations to the judge of the division to which the case is assigned within seventy-two (72) hours of the hearing, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this  
First day of November, 1988.

/s/MIETTE K. BURNSTEIN  
MIETTE K. BURNSTEIN, Chief Judge