

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IV-04-A-28

IN RE: REFERRAL OF CONTESTED  
PETITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN TO GENERAL MASTERS

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In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.050 and §744.331(6)(f), Fla. Stat., which provides, the Court shall appoint a guardian upon the entry of an order of incapacity, and that in the instances where competing petitions for appointment of guardian are filed with the Court and individuals require an emergency temporary guardian during the pendency of discovery and hearing of the competing petitions, and the Probate Judges require the matters be set before the General Masters who are authorized to hear Petitions for Appointment of Emergency Temporary Guardian, it is hereby:

ORDERED that:

1. All hearings on Petitions for the Appointment of Guardian, when two (2) or more are filed for appointment for the ward, are referred to the assigned General Master pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. Pro. 1.490.
2. Any interested person may object to the referral of the Petitions for the Appointment of Guardian within ten (10) days of the incapacity hearing. The interested person shall file a notice of objection in the guardianship file and secure time on the assigned judges docket for the hearing and provide notice to all interested persons and/or counsel for the interested persons.
3. The assigned judge for the case shall appoint an Emergency Temporary Guardian for the ward pending the hearing on the Petitions for the Appointment of Guardian pursuant to §744.3031, Fla. Stat.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this the 3rd day of May, 2004.

/s/DALE ROSS  
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge