

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. IV-05-A-30

IN RE:
FINGERPRINTING OF
GUARDIANS

In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration and Florida Statutes Section 744.3135, which provides, in part, that the Court may order guardians and shall require professional guardians to submit, at their own expense, to an investigation of his or her criminal background, it is hereby:

ORDERED that:

1. All non- professional proposed guardians shall submit his or her fingerprint print card at the time of initial application to be appointed guardian with all other documents required by the Court to complete a credit and criminal background investigation.

2. All professional guardians, including employees of the professional guardian with a fiduciary obligation to the ward, shall annually submit a fingerprint card with all other documents required by the Court to complete a credit and criminal background investigation no later than January 15th of each year.

3. Any individual who is fingerprinted and whose prints are not discernible, as informed by the Clerk of Court, may have his or her fingerprints waived, upon the following conditions:

A. If the fingerprints are taken at the Broward County Courthouse by the designated Court Deputy after two (2) attempts.

B. If the fingerprints are not taken at the Broward County Courthouse by the designated Court Deputy for the first two (2) attempts then the third (3) attempt at fingerprinting must be done at the Broward County Courthouse by the designated Court Deputy.

4. If the proposed guardian, guardian, or employee of a professional guardian with a fiduciary obligation to a ward, is advised that his or her fingerprints are not discernible after two (2) cards were printed by a designated Court Deputy at the Broward County Courthouse or after three (3) attempts with the final attempt by a designated Court Deputy at the Broward County Courthouse, then the attorney for the proposed guardian or professional guardian shall file a motion with the Court seeking waiver of the fingerprint requirement. The Court will review the request and enter an order either granting or denying the waiver of fingerprinting of the proposed guardian, guardian, or employee of a professional guardian with a fiduciary obligation to a ward.

The order granting the waiver will be for all future fingerprinting requirements for the individual.

5. All non-professional guardians, professional guardians, including employees of the professional guardian with a fiduciary obligation to the ward, who are not United States citizens, at the time of fingerprinting by a designated Court Deputy at the Broward County Courthouse, shall provide proof of his or her authority to be in the United States.

6. This order shall be effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this the 31st day of March, 2005.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge