

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: IV-07-B-2

IN RE:

CRIMINAL AND CREDIT
INVESTIGATIONS

To ensure credit and criminal investigation matters are timely resolved by the Court so that an incapacitated individual is not without a guardian, and whereas the judges assigned to the Probate Division require the services of general magistrates to hear the matters and make recommendations to the Court for both initial and renewal credit and criminal investigations as authorized by §744.3135, Fla. Stat., therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 it is hereby:

ORDERED that:

If the Guardianship Investigation Office when performing the credit and criminal investigation determines that the proposed guardian or guardian fails to meet the requirements to be appointed or remain as guardian, or has failed to complete the guardianship education requirements pursuant to statutory requirements, or has failed to pay the criminal/credit investigation cost the matter is hereby referred to the General Magistrates of the Probate Division pursuant to the provisions of Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.490. The General Magistrate upon receipt of the information from the Guardianship Investigation Office that the proposed guardian or guardian fails to meet the requirements to be appointed or remain as guardian, or has failed to complete the guardianship education requirements pursuant to statutory requirements, or has failed to pay the criminal/credit investigation cost shall set same for hearing and provide notice to the proposed guardian or guardian and proposed guardian's attorney or guardian's attorney. Any interested person may object to the General Magistrate hearing the matter by serving and filing an objection to the General Magistrate hearing the matter. The notice of hearing as served by the General Magistrate shall contain notice that an interested person can object to the General Magistrate hearing the matter.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this the 12th day of February, 2007, nunc pro tunc to May 23, 2006.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge