

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. IV-89-A-5

IN RE:

COURT MEDIATION
PROBATE MEDIATION

In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration and Florida Statutes, it is

ORDERED:

1. A program is hereby created to serve as an adjunct to the Probate Division of the Circuit Court for the purpose of mediating civil matters appearing on the court docket. This program will be coordinated through the Retired Judges' Office.
2. The Retired Judges' Judicial Assistant shall maintain a list of available mediators approved by the Chief Judge.
3. Mediators shall be assigned as agreed upon by the parties involved, or as ordered by the Court.
4. The court on its own motion may refer probate cases to a court mediator to facilitate the resolution of the dispute.
5. The appearance of the Petitioner, Respondent, the personal representative/guardian and counsel is mandatory at the mediation conference.
6. If a settlement or partial settlement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing in the presence of the mediator, signed by all parties or their counsel and promptly submitted to the court. If an agreement is not reached, the mediator shall immediately report to the court that no agreement has been reached.
7. All mediators shall be required to submit a mediation report to the Retired Judges' Judicial Assistant, for statistical purposes, upon the completion of mediation.
8. The financial obligation of mediation is the responsibility of the parties involved in the suit unless otherwise agreed upon or ordered by the court.
9. The mediation referral form is attached.

DONE AND ORDERED in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, the Twenty Fifth day of April, 1989.

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