

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: IV-06-A-16

IN RE:
ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT
RECORDS AND GUARDIANSHIP
APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Fla. R. Jud. Administration 2.050 and §744.3135, Fla. Stat., which provides, in part, that the Court may require a nonprofessional guardian and shall require a professional guardian or public guardian and all employees of a professional guardian who have a fiduciary obligation to a ward submit to a credit history and background screening, it is hereby:

ORDERED that:

1. Effective April 1, 2006, all nonprofessional guardians and guardian advocates shall submit initially to a level 2 background screening as required under §435.04, Fla Stat.
2. Effective April 1, 2006, all professional guardians, public guardians, and employees of a professional guardian who have a fiduciary obligation to a ward, who have not previously submitted to a level 2 background screening as required under §435.04, Fla Stat. shall submit the required documents for a level 2 background screening no later than May 31, 2006.
3. Annually, thereafter, if a professional guardian hires employees with a fiduciary obligation to the ward, who have not previously submitted to a level 2 background screening shall be required to do so at the next annual investigation requirements for the professional guardian.
4. The Department of Children and Family Services, shall provide information to the Court via the Guardianship Investigation Office, for all level 2 background investigations, whether the individuals has a confirmed report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation pursuant the Chapter 415, Fla. Stat., which has been uncontested or upheld.

This Order shall supersede Administrative Order IV-97-A-16.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this 10th day of January, 2006.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge