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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IV-97-A-15

IN RE:

ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSING OF GUARDIANSHIP UPON WARD REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE

In order to provide for the most effective and efficient review of Guardianship Reports, by both the Court and the Clerk of the Court, minor guardianships in which the ward has reached 18 should not remain open. A failure to close such guardianships results in the Clerk of the Court submitting data to the Court indicating a delinquent filing. The Court then must review the file, issue a Notice to Show Cause and schedule a hearing, all of which are time consuming, burdensome and unnecessary activities. For these reasons and, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration it is hereby:

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

- 1. As of June 1, 1997, and each year thereafter, prior to June 1st of that year, the Clerk of the Court shall determine which minor wards have reached the age of 18 during the preceding year and no action has been taken to close the file.
- 2. No distribution shall be paid from the Court ordered restricted account without further order of the Court.
- 3. Having so designated a guardianship file the Clerk of the Court shall immediately produce a Sua Sponte Order, in the form set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, closing the file without discharging the guardian and present it to the Judge for signature. The Clerk of the Court shall send a copy of said executed order to the Attorney of Record, the Guardian and the Ward via U.S. Mail.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at the Broward County Courthouse, Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 3rd day of June, 1997.

/s/DALE ROSS DALE ROSS, CHIEF JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF THE 17th SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN

AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION JUDGE:

FILE NO. PRC

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF:	
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This matter comes before the Court sua sponte for the closing of the above styled case, upon review of the file it is noted that the Ward reached the age of majority during the preceding year and no action has been taken to close said guardianship.

It is therefore:

ORDERED that this file be closed subject to reopening same for further administration upon appropriate request.

It is further Ordered that no distribution shall be made from the court restrictive account without further Order of the Court.

ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this day of 199.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies to: Attorney of Record, Guardian Depositor

"EXHIBIT A"