IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2010-006 [Supersedes Administrative Order 2009-003]

IN RE: HEARING OFFICER PROGRAM

ORDER

WHEREAS, Rule 12.491(b)(2)(c), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, grants the chief judge of each judicial circuit the authority to appoint child support enforcement hearing officers for the circuit as are necessary to expeditiously perform the duties prescribed by the Family Law Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, financial grant funds have been awarded to the Third Judicial Circuit by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of funding services for a child support enforcement hearing officer; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the public, litigants and judiciary require a flexible and speedy system of the resolution of proceedings involving the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

ORDERED, a Hearing Officer Program is hereby established within the Third Judicial Circuit and shall be effective in Columbia County, Dixie County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Taylor County. Effective May 3, 2010, JENNIFER KUYRKENDALL, ESQUIRE, a member in good standing with the Florida Bar, is hereby appointed as a Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Third Judicial Circuit, with all the powers authorized by Rule 12.491.

Upon the filing of a cause of action or other proceeding for the establishment, enforcement or modification of child support, wherein the party seeking support is receiving services pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1302), or not receiving services (non IV-D proceedings), the Clerks in Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties shall refer such cases to the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for scheduling and handling pursuant to Rule 12.491.

The General Assignment Order designates the judges responsible in each county for reviewing and signing orders submitted by the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer and to preside over cases in which the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer may be unable to preside due to recusal or disqualification. However, in instances where the Child Support

Enforcement Hearing Officer is unavailable, DEBORAH A. DeNIKE, as general magistrate, is appointed to preside over child support enforcement matters on a temporary basis.

PONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida this

DAVID W. FINA Chief Circuit Court Judge

ORIGINAL: Clerk of Court

COPIES: All Third Circuit Judges

Department of Revenue Attorneys Sondra Williams, Court Administrator

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