IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

ADMINSTRATIVE ORDER 2014-007

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

<u>ORDER</u>

In order to provide for the requirement of the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida with regard to the assignment of Child Support cases; and

WHEREAS, the Third Circuit continues to be actively committed to providing for the fair and efficient administration of justice in all cases involving children and families;

WHEREAS, an administrative order is needed to ensure that Department of Revenue child support matters are consistently and uniformly filed and assigned for prompt adjudication; it is therefore

ORDERED:

1. Family Law "DR", Department of Revenue cases ("DOR cases"), dealing only with establishment, enforcement and modification of child support shall be assigned pursuant to Administrative Order 2010-006.

2. In any case where a party seeks by motion, counter petition, supplemental petition or other pleading, the adjudication of a family issue other than child support which exceeds the jurisdiction of the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer, that party must pay the appropriate filing fee, the case shall be designated a family law "DR" case, and it shall be reassigned by the Clerk as appropriate. Pleadings requesting relief not previously adjudicated are to be treated as new filings for assessing filing fees.

3. The parties shall provide the Department of Revenue with reasonable notice of proceedings in any family law action in which a DOR case is identified to or by the Court as a related case. The parties shall file a Notice of Related Cases form with the Clerk and shall serve a copy of the form on the Department of Revenue at the following addresses: 1415 W. U.S. Hwy. 90, Suite 110, Lake City, FL 32055; e-mail dor@wsalawfirm.com.

4. The Department of Revenue may move to intervene in any family law case which involves establishment, modification or enforcement of child support. If the Court grants intervention, the case shall be transferred to the Child Support Enforcement

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Hearing Officer for all matters dealing with the establishment, modification or enforcement of child support. If the Department of Revenue contracts with a party for the enforcement of child support in a family law "DR" case, upon the granting of a Motion to Intervene, that case shall be heard in front of the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for all matters dealing with the establishment, modification or enforcement of child support. Should the Department of Revenue withdraw from a family law action, it shall not affect the rights of the original parties to seek adjudication of pre-judgment or post-judgment family law matters. All matters that seek adjudication of a family law issue other than child support which exceeds the jurisdiction of the Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer shall remain in family court.

5. Any previous child support order entered in a DOR case may be modified prospectively as provided by law by an order in a related, later filed family law case. Previously ordered child support arrearages established in DOR cases shall not be amended or modified in a later filed family law case unless the Department of Revenue has been a party to the subsequent proceeding and was given reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard regarding such modification.

6. The Department of Revenue may file in any family law case a "Notice of Department of Revenue Involvement and Objection to Establishment of Child Support Below Guideline Amount for Current or Retroactive Periods" if it wishes to notify the Court and parties of its representation for those parties on public assistance.

7. In any case where a party seeks to enforce and/or supersede an administrative order of support entered by the Department of Revenue, the party may use Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.905(b), Supplemental Petition for Modification of Child Support and file said motion in the same case as the administrative order.

Ordered on this 29 day of 10 h

Gregory S. Parker, Chief Judge

ORIGINAL: Clerk of Court

COPIES: All Third Circuit Judges Department of Revenue Attorneys Sondra Lanier, Court Administrator