

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 2010-01

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICERS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, many matters involving the establishment, enforcement, or modification of child support are brought before the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish procedures for the efficient and speedy resolution of all Title IV-D or non-Title IV-D child support issues; and

WHEREAS, rule 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure authorizes the use of child support enforcement hearing officers to hear matters establishing, enforcing, and modifying child support in Title IV-D and non-Title IV-D cases; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Courts System allocates general magistrates and child support enforcement hearing officers to the Second Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida under rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and all other applicable Rules, it is therefore:

ORDERED, that officers of the court appointed to the Florida State Courts System positions with the class title of administrative magistrate, magistrate, and hearing officer shall have all the powers and duties as provided in rule 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and all other applicable Rules and Statutes; and

Upon the filing of any post-judgment action where the sole issue is the establishment, enforcement, or modification of Title IV-D child support, the action shall be automatically referred to the appropriate Title IV-D support enforcement hearing officer; and

Upon the filing of any post-judgment action where the sole issue is the enforcement or modification of non-Title IV-D child support, the action shall be automatically referred to the appropriate magistrate to sit as a non-Title IV-D support enforcement hearing officer; and

No objections to a referral to a child support enforcement hearing officer pursuant to this section will be entertained by the Court; and



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Any party may set the action for hearing before the assigned child support enforcement hearing officer; and

The child support enforcement hearing officer will proceed with the hearings and preparation and filing of a recommended order as provided in rule 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and all other applicable Rules and Statutes; and

Any findings of contempt with a recommendation of immediate incarceration by the child support enforcement hearing officer shall be immediately sent to the assigned circuit judge for entry of an order; and

Administrative Order 2005-04, as amended July 13, 2005, is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida on January 6, 2010.



CHARLES A. FRANCIS
Chief Judge

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All Circuit and County Judges, Second Judicial Circuit

All Clerks of Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit

All General Magistrates and Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officers, Second Judicial Circuit

