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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 83-3

IN RE: Office of the Public Guardian for the Second Judicial Circuit

WHEREAS, many incompetent individuals do not have family or friends willing and able to serve as their legal guardian; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Florida appropriated monies to the Office of the State Courts Administrator to implement a Pilot Public Guardianship Program; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Chapter 744, which provides for appointment of a legal guardian, requires that upon an adjudication of incompetency a guardian must be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Courts Administrator has decided to implement a program in the Second Judicial Circuit as an aid to the operation of this Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEN C. WILLIS, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, do hereby order the following actions:

1) That the Office of the Public Guardian for the Second Judicial Circuit be created as an aid to Courts of the circuit.

2) That said Office shall itself be appointed legal guardian when a court shall utilize the services of the office.

3) That the Office and the appointing court shall observe the guidelines set forth in the "Handbook for Pilots" issued by the OSCA;

4) That the filing fees and bond requirements shall be waived in any case where the Office is to be appointed as guardian, unless the appointing court directs otherwise.

This Order shall take effect February 1, 1983.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of January, 1983.

Ben C. Willis

Ben C. Willis, Chief
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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