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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2005-04
AMENDED

IN RE: CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

WHEREAS many matters involving the enforcement and modification of child support are brought before the Family Law Division of the Circuit Court; and

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

WHEREAS by Administrative Order dated May 6, 1988, the Supreme Court of Florida ordered that, pursuant to Rule 1.491, Florida Rules of Procedure, now known as Rule 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, hearing officers may be utilized in this circuit to consider proceedings for the establishment, enforcement and modification of support in both Title IV-D and non-Title IV-D cases; and

WHEREAS Dawn Caloca-Johnson, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2004-12, was appointed as General Magistrate/Hearing Officer; and

WHEREAS Tom Lager, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2004-08, was appointed as General Magistrate and is hereby additionally appointed as Hearing Officer.

WHEREAS upon a finding of contempt made by a hearing officer where immediate incarceration is recommended, it is necessary for the matter to be transferred *instanter* to the appropriate circuit judge; it is therefore

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ORDERED:

1. **Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer Powers:**

The hearing officer will have all the powers and duties as provided in Rule 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

2. **Automatic Referral to Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer:**

a. 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 Dawn Caloca-Johnson or Tom Lager, Hearing Officers.

b. No objections to a referral to a child support enforcement hearing officer pursuant to this section will be entertained by the court.

c. Either party may set the action for hearing before the assigned child support enforcement hearing officer.

d. The child support enforcement officer will proceed with the hearings and the preparation and filing of a recommended order as provided in Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.491.

3. **Recommendation of Immediate Incarceration:**

On any findings of contempt by a hearing officer, in which a recommendation of immediate incarceration is made, the matter should be transferred *instanter* to the assigned circuit judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2005.

Charles A. Francis

Charles A. Francis, Chief Judge

Original to: Bob Inzer, Clerk of Court
Copies to: All Domestic Relations Judges and Staff

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