

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.09

STANDING FAMILY COURT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is required to develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit (Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(3)); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has designated the Administrative Judge of the Family Division to direct the formation and implementation of policies and priorities for the operation of family courts within the circuit (Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(5)); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Judge of the Family Division is charged with “[d]eveloping proposed policy, operating procedures, and administrative orders for the implementation of the circuit’s plan.” See *In Re Report of the Commission on Family Courts*, 633 So. 2d 14, 17 (Fla. 1994)(“Family Courts II”); and

WHEREAS, the family court is committed to resolving family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner (*In Re Report of the Family Court Steering Committee*, 794 So. 2d 518 (Fla. 2001)); and

WHEREAS, it is the court’s responsibility to equitably divide marital property, determine financial issues attendant to the marriage, and determine time-sharing matters in the best interest of the children of the marriage;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. A Standing Family Court Order (“Standing Order”), attached hereto as “Exhibit A,” is hereby entered in all dissolution of marriage, simplified dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance, and annulment cases filed in this circuit.

2. The Standing Order shall be effective as to the petitioning spouse at the time of filing.

3. At the time of filing, the Petitioner shall submit the Standing Order, which they have signed indicating their receipt thereof. No summons shall be issued in an applicable case unless the signed Standing Order is filed. If an applicable case is e-filed without a signed Standing Order, that case shall be placed in the "pending queue" by the Clerk of Court until such time as the e-filing attorney corrects the omission.

4. The signed Standing Order shall be docketed by the Clerk as a separate document with its own time stamp.

5. The petitioning party shall ensure that a copy of the signed Standing Order is included with the petition and summons when served on the Respondent. The Standing Order shall be effective as to the Respondent as of the date of service of process of the petition and Standing Order, or upon execution of a waiver of service of process.

6. The Standing Order shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless and until modified by court order.

7. Failure to comply with the Standing Order is punishable by contempt, and may result in imposition of any sanctions permissible by law, and deemed appropriate by the court.

ORDERED ON this 17th day of July, 2014.



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge