

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 93-1
(Court Administration)

IN RE: FAMILY MEDIATION)
UNIT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 93- 54

WHEREAS, The Family Mediation Unit of the Circuit Court was created in 1979 as the Conciliation Unit to serve the needs of the Family Division of the Circuit Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

1. The Family Mediation Unit, a service unit of the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall continue to accept all family type case matters involving children referred by Order of any Judge of the Family Division.

2. It shall further be the responsibility of the Family Mediation Unit to freely assist and counsel without charge all parents, or children in troubled marriages, or family related matters; to effect reconciliations or other assistance whenever possible; and failing that, to assist parents in reaching mutually acceptable agreements concerning shared or sole parental responsibility, primary residential parent and visitation of minor children.

3. The Family Mediation Unit shall also aid or assist the parties or their attorneys in preparing and submitting stipulations, embodying the agreements, to the Court for approval prior to, or at the time of, court hearings.

This Administrative Order becomes effective upon signing. Administrative Order No. 79-15, entered in Case No. 79-1 (Court Administration), and Administrative Order No. 83-2, entered in Case No. 83-1 (Court Administration), are hereby rescinded and shall be held for naught.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 12th day of August, 1993.

LEONARD RIVKIND, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA