

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 12-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 12-03
(Rescinds AO No. 09-05)**

**IN RE: RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF
STANDING COMMITTEES FOR
PRIVATE COURT-APPOINTED
COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida has the authority to adopt administrative orders necessary to ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (“Court”); and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2007, Senate Bill 1088 repealed §27.42, Florida Statutes, pertaining to the circuit Article V Indigent Services Committee (“ISC”); and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the abolishment of the ISC, it is necessary to continue and re-establish certain policies and procedures after October 1, 2007 regarding court-appointed counsel for the benefit of the Court;

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2012, Senate Bill §1960 amended §27.40, Florida Statutes, to include that all registry attorneys shall certify that they meet the minimum requirements as established by the Chief Judge and by general law for court appointment;

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

1. That Screening Committees (SC) are established for each of the criminal and juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights, and probate and guardianship registries. Each Committee shall answer to the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and shall operate pursuant to the powers granted by the Chief Judge as described in the applicable Administrative Order(s), statutes, and laws of Florida.

2. Each Screening Committee shall be comprised of a Chair, Co-Chair (optional), and local, disinterested experts in the designated area of law, as listed in addendum "A." Each Screening Committee shall establish qualifications for counsel for the respective registry that are no less stringent than those in existence prior to October 1, 2007.
3. Until such time as the Chief Judge approves and adopts any updated policies and procedures recommended by a Screening Committee, the policies and procedures presently in effect, including, but not limited to qualifications, appointments, shall remain in effect except as modified by an administrative order, a Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) contract, JAC's Policies and Procedures, a memorandum issued by Florida Chief Financial Officer, statute, or law.

Administrative Order No. 09-05, entered in Case No. 09-01, is hereby rescinded, effective as of June 30, 2012, in its entirety and held for naught.

This Administrative Order shall become effective on July 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 29th day of June, 2012.

**JOEL H. BROWN, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

ADDENDUM “A”

Screening Committee Members

Criminal and Juvenile Screening Committee

Eugene Zenobi (Chair)
Rick Freedman, Esq.
Sheryl Lowenthal, Esq.
David Peckins, Esq.
Clinton Pitts, Esq.
Steven Potolsky, Esq.
Gregory Samms, Esq.
Kenneth White, Esq.
Rafael Rodriguez, Esq.

Probate and Guardianship Screening Committee

David Mangiero (Chair)
David Carlisle (Vice-Chair)
Joy Carr, Esq.
Edward Golden, Esq.
Richard Milstein, Esq.
Gerald Pierre, Esq.
Adrienne Promoff, Esq.
Michael Swan, Esq.
Enrique Zamora, Esq.
Luis Barreto, Esq.
Eric Virgil, Esq.
Anders Madsen, Esq. (Court Coordinator)

Juvenile Dependency Screening Committee

Vincent D'Antonio, Esq. (Chair)
Kevin Colbert, Esq.
Tracy Howard, Esq.
Christine Mazzei, Esq.
Russell Shepherd, Esq.