

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24-1
(Court Administration)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 21-15 A1
(Amending AO No. 21-15)

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21-15
PERTAINING TO REFERRAL OF
GUARDIAN ADVOCACY
PROCEEDINGS TO PROBATE
GENERAL MAGISTRATE

WHEREAS, in an effort to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of actions in the Probate Division, Administrative Order No. 21-15 was entered to allow Guardian Advocacy cases to be heard by the General Magistrates of the Probate Division; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph No. 1 of Administrative Order No. 21-15 provides that a “Petitions of Appointment of a Guardian Advocate and related hearings under the guardian advocacy, or guardian proceedings under sections 393.12, Florida Statutes may be referred to the General Magistrate for the Probate Division...”.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Paragraph No. 1 of Administrative Order No. 21-15 is amended to read as follows:

1. **Referral of Guardian Advocacy Proceedings to Probate General Magistrate**. Petitions for Appointment of a Guardian Advocate and related hearings under the guardian advocacy, or proceedings under sections 393.12, Florida Statutes, shall be automatically referred directly to the General Magistrate for the Probate Division pursuant to Administrative Order No. 18-41 and Florida Probate Rule 5.095. **The Clerk of Courts is directed to automatically refer all such cases to section PMH GMA without further order of the court.**

Any party may object to the referral of the petition before or at the time of the hearing before the Probate General Magistrate. If an objection is made, the objecting party shall notify the assigned Judge and the General

Magistrate of the objection and secure a time from the assigned judge to hear the matter. If the assigned judge is unavailable, the objecting party shall contact the Administrative Judge of the Probate Division to secure a hearing time.

Except as amended herein, Administrative Order No. 21-15 remains in full force and effect.

This Administrative Order shall become effective immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, County, Florida, this 19th day of April 2024.

**NUSHIN G. SAYFIE, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**