

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

**CASE NO. 08-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 08-09 A1**

**IN RE: ESTABLISHING THE COSTS
OF ANSWER PACKETS,
ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND
FOR ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCESSING IN THE SELF-HELP
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 08-09, certain costs to acquire and utilize the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Forms Packet and Forms provided by the Circuit's Self-Help Program ("Self-Help") and the cost of services provided to self-represented litigants were increased; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there was a need for Self-Help to also provide several types of Answer Packets in order to assist such litigants to achieve fair and efficient resolution of their family law cases; and

WHEREAS, it has also been determined that, in addition to offering a Workshop to self-represented litigants who did not purchase a Packet from Self-Help on how to complete their forms, there is a need to offer a Workshop to those self-represented litigants who did purchase a Packet from Self-Help who seek to better understand how to complete their Packets; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant number of self-represented litigants who seek assistance from Self-Help, it is necessary to establish and maintain scheduled appointments to maximize Self Help's limited resources; and

WHEREAS, due to the frequency of missed appointments and the rescheduling of such appointments, additional administrative processing becomes necessary; and

WHEREAS, Rule 12.750, Family Law Rules provides that self-help programs may require self-represented litigants to pay for the cost of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Judicial Administration Rules and Rule 12.750, Family Law Rules, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. The cost to acquire and utilize the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Answer Packets shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
2. The cost for the administrative service of providing a Workshop to those self-represented litigants who purchased or did not purchase a Packet from Self-Help who seek to better understand how to complete their respective packets shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).
3. The cost for the administrative processing of missed appointments shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), unless rescheduled within twenty-four (24) hours of the appointment.
4. Except as amended herein, Administrative Order No. 08-09 shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

The effective date of this Order is July 1, 2008, nunc pro tunc.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of December, 2008.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**