

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

**CASE NO. 12-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 12-39**

**IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF AND
APPOINTMENT TO CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER
SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit accepted applications for the position of Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer ("Hearing Officer") through September 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer will be providing highly responsible professional legal work, calendaring and conducting hearings before a circuit court and making rulings on Title IV-D support matters in the Circuit's Family Division; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer shall be selected by the undersigned; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist in the selection of the Hearing Officer, the undersigned deemed it appropriate to establish a selection committee to be comprised of Family Division Judges, General Magistrates and representatives from various voluntary Bar associations ("Selection Committee");

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

1. **Establishment and Purpose**: The Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer Selection Committee for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit ("Selection Committee") is hereby established to assist the undersigned in the selection of the Hearing Officer.

2. **Selection Committee Members.** In addition to Administrative Judge Sandy Karlan, who is hereby appointed to serve as a member and chairperson of the Selection Committee, the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as the Selection Committee Members:
 - a. Associate Administrative Judge Scott Bernstein,
 - b. General Magistrate Karl Brown,
 - c. General Magistrate Carlos Fernandez,
 - d. General Magistrate Thomas A. Tilson,
 - e. Stephanie Ducheine, Esquire (representing the Haitian Bar Association),
 - f. Nydia Streets, Esquire (representing the Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association),
 - g. Lindsey Haber, Esquire (representing the Florida Association for Women Lawyers),
 - h. Garrett J. Biondo, Esquire, (representing the Dade County Bar Association, and
 - i. Manny Crespo, Jr., Esquire (representing the Cuban American Bar Association).
3. **Selection Committee Responsibilities.** The Selection Committee will be responsible for screening, interviewing and making recommendations to the undersigned regarding the selection of individuals qualified to serve as Hearing Officer.
4. **Administrative Staff Support.** The Administrative Office of the Courts will provide supportive services to the Selection Committee, as needed.
5. **Legal Assistance.** The Office of the General Counsel will provide legal assistance to the Selection Committee, as needed.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately upon execution.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 28th day of September, 2012.

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