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

**CASE NO. 04-2
(Court Administration)**

**IN RE: DELINEATION OF MATTERS)
TO BE REFERRED TO GENERAL)
MASTERS/HEARING OFFICERS FOR)
THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF)
FLORIDA)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 02-30-A1**

(Amending AO No. 02-30)

WHEREAS, Rules 12.490 and 12.491 of the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure specify the matters which may be heard by General Masters/Hearing Officers upon the referral of a Judge in the Family Division;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 02-30, entered on July 26, 2002, in an effort to enhance the progress of cases within the Family Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the type of matters to be referred to the General Masters/Hearing Officers assigned to the Family Division were delineated; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to further delineate such matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby ordered that the General Masters/Hearing Officers shall have jurisdictional authority to hear certain matters as hereinafter set forth:

1. Upon the referral of a Judge in the Family Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, General Masters/Hearing Officers shall hear only those matters specifically set forth in Rules 12.490 and 12.491 of the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.
2. General Masters/Hearing Officers shall not be referred, nor shall they hear the following matters:
 - A. Final Hearings of Open/Pre-Judgment Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage.
 - B. Final Hearings on Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage wherein a Bifurcated Final Judgment was entered and the Court reserved jurisdiction on pending issues in the original Petition.

- C. All Non-evidentiary Motions.
- D. Petitions for Termination of Parental Rights Pending Adoption and Petitions for Adoptions.
- E. Petitions for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence.
- F. Motions for Appointment of Guardians, Experts and Health Care Professionals that are not related to a matter referred to the General Master/Hearing Officer.

This Order shall take effect immediately. All provisions of Administrative Order No. 02-30, entered in Case No. 02-2 (Court Administration) that are not in conflict with this Order are retained and remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this 25th day of March, 2004.

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