

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

**CASE NO. 23-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 23-4
(Rescinding AO No. 92-3)**

**IN RE: FEES FOR PRIVATE MEDIATORS
APPOINTED THROUGH THE MEDIATION
DIVISION'S ROTATING LIST OF
CERTIFIED MEDIATORS IN CIRCUIT CIVIL
COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, Article V of the Florida Constitution places responsibility for administration and supervision of the Circuit and County Courts in the Chief Judge; and

WHEREAS, General Practice and Judicial Administration Rule 2.215 provides that the Chief Judge shall develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit; and

WHEREAS, a recent review of the mediation services within the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit undertaken by the Chief Judge resulted in the conclusion that an increase in mediation fees was necessary and appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby established that when civil mediation is ordered in Circuit Court, the parties shall be assessed a fee of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for the first hour, or any part thereof, and an additional fee of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for each hour, or any part thereof, thereafter, unless otherwise agreed to by the Mediator and all parties. The following shall also be applicable to all such civil mediations:

1. The above fee shall be assessed in cases of the appointment of a private mediator through the Mediation Division's Rotating List of Certified Mediators.
2. The Mediation Conference shall not exceed three (3) hours, unless the parties mutually agree.
3. The total mediation fee incurred shall be equally divided between the plaintiff(s) and defendant(s), except as herein after provided;

4. The mediation fee shall be waived in cases of economic hardship or indigency for Miami-Dade County in cases where the County is a party.

5. A private mediator may waive his or her fee and perform pro bono.

6. Appropriate forms to accomplish the purposes of this Order shall be prepared and distributed to the appropriate Divisions.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution. Administrative Order No. 92-3 is hereby rescinded and held for naught.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida this 20th day of July 2023

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