

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

**CASE NO. 23-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 12-21 A45
(Amending AO No. 12-21 A43)**

**IN RE: DESIGNATION OF JUDGE
ORLANDO PRESCOTT AND JUDGE
MICHELLE ALVAREZ BARAKAT TO
HEAR AND DETERMINE MOTIONS
TO EXCEED THE FEE LIMITS FILED
IN THE UNIFIED CHILDREN'S
COURT DIVISION IN THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR
THE CALENDAR YEAR
COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 12-21, as amended, certain judicial officers were designated to hear and determine motions to exceed the fee limits filed by court appointed counsel, in accordance with section 27.5304(12)(b), Florida Statutes ("Motions"); and

WHEREAS, such designations were made based on a quarterly rotational basis within a calendar year unless a designated judge was unable to perform his/her duties thereby necessitating the designation of a substitute judge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 12-21 A42, as amended, the **HONORABLE ROSY ANETTE APONTE** and the **HONORABLE DENISE MARTINEZ-SCANZIANI** were designated to hear and determine Motions to exceed fee limits filed in the Circuit's Unified Children's Court Division (Delinquency and Dependency Sections), to include matters regarding Termination of Parental Rights and Judicial Bypass, for the calendar year commencing on January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 12-21 A43, as amended, the **HONORABLE SCOTT M. BERNSTEIN** was designated to hear and determine such Motions scheduled to be heard in the first and third quarters of the 2022 calendar year commencing on March 14, 2022, due to the unavailability of the **HONORABLE ROSY ANETTE APONTE**; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rosy Anette Aponte, the Honorable Denise Martinez-Scanziani, and the Honorable Scott M. Bernstein have provided invaluable services in connection with such hearings, but are unavailable to continue to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Orlando Prescott and the Honorable Michelle Alvarez Barakat are available to preside over these matters during the calendar year commencing on January 1, 2023, on a quarterly rotational basis;

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

1. The **HONORABLE ORLANDO PRESCOTT** is hereby designated to hear and determine motions to exceed the fee limits filed by court appointed counsel in the Unified Children's Court Division ("Motions") for such Motions scheduled to be heard in the first and third quarters of the 2023 calendar year commencing on January 1, 2023.
2. The **HONORABLE MICHELLE ALVAREZ BARAKAT** is hereby designated to hear and determine such Motions scheduled to be heard in the second and fourth quarters of the 2023 calendar year, commencing April 1, 2023.
3. Said quarterly rotations by the Judges designated herein shall continue until further order of the Court.
4. Except as herein amended, Administrative Order 12-21, as amended, remains in full force and effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 6th day of January 2023.

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