

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

**CASE NO. 16-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 16-25**

**IN RE: REASSIGNMENT OF
GENERAL MAGISTRATE
STEVEN LIEBERMAN TO THE
UNIFIED FAMILY COURT
DIVISION AND APPOINTMENT
AS A CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT HEARING
OFFICER FOR THE ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the administration of justice in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Chief Judge is authorized to appoint General Magistrates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 07-21, **STEVEN LIEBERMAN, ESQUIRE**, was appointed to serve as General Magistrate for the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial of Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 16-02, the Unified Family Court plan was expanded and procedures were established to implement the full scope of the Unified Family Court Division in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to addressing family law matters in accordance with the one family, one judge model espoused by the Florida Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, General Magistrates are an integral judicial resource to support the expansion in jurisdiction of the Unified Family Court Division, and conduct proceedings in accordance with Rules 12.490, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, with the expansion of the Unified Family Court Division, General Magistrates are an integral judicial resource to conduct proceedings in accordance with Rule 8.257, Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, with the exceptions delineated in Rule 8.257(h); and

WHEREAS, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the Chief Judge is also authorized to appoint Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officers; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officers are an integral judicial resource to support the expansion in jurisdiction of the Unified Family Court Division, and conduct proceedings in accordance with Rules 12.491, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined General Magistrate Steven Lieberman has the qualifications and experience to serve as the General Magistrate for the Unified Family Court Division;

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. General Magistrate Steven Lieberman is reassigned from the Circuit Court Juvenile Division, located at the Miami-Dade County Children's Courthouse, to the Circuit Court Unified Family Court Division as a General Magistrate, located at the Miami-Dade County Children's Courthouse.
2. General Magistrate Steven Lieberman is appointed to serve as a Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Circuit Court Unified Family Court Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, to perform his duties in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes, federal law, court rules, and the terms and conditions of the Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer Requirements.
3. General Magistrate Steven Lieberman shall be exempted at this time from handling any cases in the Unified Family Court Division that have been designated as Human Trafficking in G.R.A.C.E. Court, or in Dependency Drug Court, as judicial officers appointed to preside over these matters require specialized judicial training. These cases shall proceed before the designated and assigned G.R.A.C.E. Court and Dependency Drug Court Judges of the Circuit Court Juvenile Division through to case disposition.
4. Unified Family Court Division cases currently assigned to General Magistrate Margaret A. Rosenbaum will be reassigned to General Magistrate Steven Lieberman prior to April 30, 2017.

As of the effective date of this Administrative Order, Administrative Order No. 07-21 will thereby be rescinded in its entirety and held for naught.

This Order shall take effect on January 3, 2017, and shall continue until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 29th day of November, 2016.

**JENNIFER D. BAILEY, ACTING CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**