

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 15-2
(Court Administration)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 15-05

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF AND
APPOINTMENT TO THE PART-TIME
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 Part-Time Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer (“Hearing Officer”) through December 5, 2014; 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;

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 Part-Time 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.** The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as the Selection Committee, to include Administrative Judge Scott Bernstein, who shall serve as the chairperson:
- a. Associate Administrative Judge Stanford Blake,
 - b. Administrative General Magistrate Carlos Fernandez,
 - c. General Magistrate Karl Brown,
 - d. General Magistrate Melissa Tenenbaum,
 - e. Fritznie Abigail Jarbath, Esquire, President, Haitian Bar Association,
 - f. Leigh-Ann Amanda Buchanan, Esquire, President, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association,
 - g. Lisa Lehner, Esquire, Representative, Florida Association for Women Lawyers,
 - h. Herman Joseph Russomanno, III, Esquire, President, Dade County Bar Association,
 - i. Manny Crespo, Esquire, President, Cuban American Bar Association),
 - j. Patrick Vilar, Esquire, President, The First Family Law American Inn of Court, and
 - k. Cecilia Armenteros, Esquire, Representative, Gay and Lesbian Lawyers 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 3rd day of February, 2015.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**