

**IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4.055**

CRIMINAL MEDIATION PILOT PROGRAM TASK FORCE

Whereas, the number of criminal cases in the court system is overwhelming, resulting in a criminal court system that is cumbersome, time-consuming, and overburdened; and

Whereas, in response to the crisis, the Honorable Chester B. Chance, as Administrative Judge of the Circuit Criminal Division, explored the use of alternative dispute resolution to resolve some criminal cases more efficiently and economically; and

Whereas, the Dispute Resolution Center has awarded \$13,335.00 to the Eighth Judicial Circuit to commence a criminal mediation pilot program due to Judge Chance's inquiries; and

Whereas, it is necessary to establish a task force to develop the specifics relating to the implementation of the Criminal Mediation Pilot Program; it is therefore

ORDERED that the Criminal Mediation Pilot Program Task Force is hereby established. The Task Force shall be led by the Honorable Martha Ann Lott, as incoming Administrative Judge of the Circuit Criminal Division. The Task Force shall exist and function under the direction of Judge Lott until further Administrative Order.

ORDERED on March 1st, 2001.



ROBERT P. CATES, CHIEF JUDGE