

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.900

**SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENT
AND PROGRAM FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit is authorized to appoint such number of Support Enforcement Hearing Officers for the circuit or any county within the circuit as is necessary to expeditiously address Title IV-D proceedings for paternity and child support establishment, enforcement, or modification, and the case management and enforcement of any support order for a custodial parent in conjunction with an ongoing child support order, paternity order, or child support arrearage order (“child support proceedings”) pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.491.

THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED that:

TITLE IV-D APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS

1. Two full-time and two part-time Support Enforcement Hearing Officers are necessary to address Title IV-D child support enforcement proceedings in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. **Samuel P. Stafford, Esq.** is appointed as the full-time Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for Alachua County; **Harvey E. Baxter, Esq.** is appointed as the full-time Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for Baker, Bradford, and Union Counties; **Sheree H. Lancaster, Esq.** is appointed as the part-time Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for Levy and Gilchrist Counties; and **Lindsey V. Brown, Esq.** is appointed as the part-time Support Enforcement Hearing Officer primarily for Alachua County. The Support Enforcement Hearing Officers shall perform the duties and possess such powers as provided by Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.491.
2. The Clerks of Court in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union Counties shall refer child support proceedings to the Support Enforcement Hearing Officer

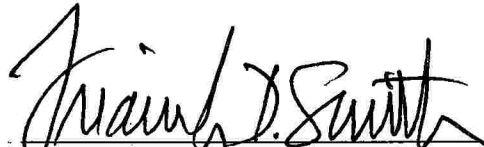
appointed for their respective counties, which will be conducted pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.491.

PROGRAM FUNDING

3. The Federal Government, via the State of Florida, Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Division, shall contribute two-thirds of the funding for the Support Enforcement Hearing Officer Program, per fiscal year, and the remaining one-third shall be contributed by the State.

4. This Order replaces Administrative Order No. 5.880(E), entered on February 10, 2003.

ORDERED on 21 December 2006.



Frederick D. Smith, Chief Judge