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DAVE LANG  
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 92-01  
AMENDMENT

**IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS FOR FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

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**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order 92-1 has a mandatory mediation provision for all contested family division modifications and original actions, and

**WHEREAS**, many paternity actions are not appropriate for mediation; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a desire to screen paternity cases and make referrals to mediation on a case-by-case basis,

**IT IS THEREFORE**

**ORDERED THAT**

Paragraph I of Section 3 of Administrative Order 92-1, in re Administrative Provisions for Family Law Division, dated July 1, 1992 is hereby amended to read as follows

**SECTION 3: MEDIATION**

**Mandatory Mediation**


- (1) "Any party who seeks to schedule a final hearing (modifications) or trials (original actions) on any contested issue, other than enforcement (contempt) or domestic and repeat violence, shall first participate in mediation through the family mediation services provided by the Court or private mediator if a private mediator is agreed to or ordered by the Court. In all paternity cases, mediation shall not be mandatory, but shall be ordered on a case-by-case basis. The mediator shall certify that mediation is completed prior to either parties scheduling a final hearing or a trial."

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<sup>\*</sup> DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this  
27 day of June, 1997.

  
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CHIEF JUDGE

