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CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

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IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court adopted Rule 12.750, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, which authorizes chief judges to establish self-help programs to facilitate access to family courts; and

WHEREAS, a pilot self-help program, the "Family Law Assistance Program ('FLAP')," has been in operation in the Second Judicial Circuit since June 3, 1997; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that approximately 65% of additional filings in family law cases in Florida are filed by self-representative litigants and that approximately 80% of all modification and enforcement matters in family cases involve at least one self-representative litigant; and

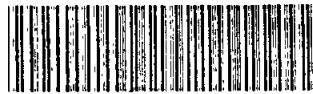
WHEREAS, part of the mission of the Second Judicial Circuit is to ensure that court services to litigants in the Second Judicial Circuit are accessible and affordable to all citizens;

It is THEREFORE,

ORDERED that:

1. The Family Law Assistant Program (FLAP) is hereby authorized within the Second Judicial Circuit.

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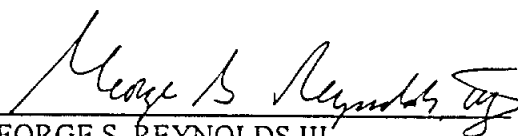
2. FLAP shall assist self-represented litigants to obtain fair and efficient resolutions to the family law cases. The services provided by this program shall be in accordance with Rule 12.750(c), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

3. Family law cases include, but are not limited to, dissolution of marriage, paternity, custody, spousal/separate maintenance, annulment, child support, URESA, domestic violence, repeat violence, adoption, and name change.

4. FLAP shall be physically located at the Neighborhood Justice Center, at 918 Railroad Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida.

5. Any fees for forms and services provided at the Family Law Assistance Program center shall be determined by the chief judge in a separate directive. Any fee collected by the Family Law Assistance Program shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be used solely in the operation of the Family Law Assistance Program.

Done and Ordered in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 12 day of February, 1999.


GEORGE S. REYNOLDS III
CHIEF JUDGE

