

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6.13

STANDING SHELTER ORDER

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance that the rights of the child and the child's parents be protected in the course of shelter proceedings (§39.202(1), Fla. Stat.), and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has directed that every child be afforded a child protection system which reflects a true partnership between the department, other agencies, the courts, law enforcement, service providers, and local communities (§39.001(1)(c), Fla. Stat.); and

WHEREAS, every child has the right to timely completion of proceedings initiated pursuant to Chapter 39 (§39.402(14)(e), Fla. Stat.);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. A Standing Shelter Order, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," is hereby entered in all cases in which a petition for shelter is filed in this circuit.
2. The Standing Shelter Order shall be effective at the time of filing and shall bind all parties to a dependency proceeding, including the Department of Children and Families ("The Department") or its designees, the Guardian Ad Litem Program, and attorneys appointed pursuant to the Standing Shelter Order.
3. The Standing Shelter Order provisionally appoints the Guardian Ad Litem program, as well as attorneys for the parents, for the purpose of shelter proceedings only. Appointments for the remainder of the case shall be made as necessary by separate court order.

4. Failure to comply with the Standing Shelter Order is punishable by contempt, and may result in imposition of any sanctions permissible by law and deemed appropriate by the court.

ORDERED ON this 30th day of January 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.", is written above a horizontal line.

Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge

**IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA, BAKER, BRADFORD, GILCHRIST, LEVY, AND UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
ISSUED PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 6.13
STANDING SHELTER ORDER**

In order to provide for the fair and timely administration of justice in shelter proceedings initiated pursuant to section 39.402, Fla. Stat., it is **ADJUDGED**:

In every case in which the Department of Children and Families has filed a Dependency Shelter Petition pursuant to section 39.402(6), Florida Statutes, the Court provisionally appoints the Guardian Ad Litem Program pursuant to section 39.402(8)(c)(1), Florida Statutes, for the shelter hearing. Appointment for proceedings subsequent to the shelter proceedings shall be by separate court order.

The following attorneys are hereby provisionally appointed to represent the parents of children subject to shelter proceedings in this circuit:

1. The Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
2. Shirley C. Ayers
3. Henri C. Cawthon
4. James Connor
5. Catherine Gleason
6. Adriane Isenberg
7. Lara Mason
8. Sean Mason


These attorneys are appointed pursuant to this order for the purpose of representing parents at shelter proceedings only as required by section 39.402(8)(c)(2), Florida Statutes. Appointment for proceedings subsequent to the shelter proceedings shall be by separate court order.

The Department shall file the shelter petition with the Clerk of Court at least 30 minutes before the shelter hearing. Upon filing, the Department, or its designee, shall immediately provide the petition to: authorized court personnel, the attorneys appointed pursuant to this order, and the Guardian Ad Litem program.

Any attorney receiving a shelter petition pursuant to this order shall keep that information confidential and may not disclose it to anyone other than parents, authorized court personnel, the department or its designees, correctional probation officers, law enforcement agents, guardians ad litem, or others authorized by Chapter 39 to receive it.

Failure to comply with this standing order is punishable by contempt of court. Any party seeking modification of this order must submit a written motion and schedule same for hearing.

ORDERED ON this 30th day of January 2015.



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.