

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16th
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2.002/02-1

IN RE:
MEDIATION

_____:

WHEREAS, the mediation conference rate has not been adjusted since before 1994; and

WHEREAS, the need to set a specific rate is no longer apparent;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Rule 2.050 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Administrative Order #2.002, *In re: Mediation*, is hereby amended at Section M by the deletion of the words “a rate of \$150 per hour or,” The section is whole now reading:

M. The financial obligation of mediation is the responsibility of the parties involved in the suit, unless otherwise agreed upon or ordered by the court. All mediators selected, as outlined in procedure F. and G., will conduct mediation conferences at such rate as may be agreed to in writing by the parties and the mediator, no less than five business days prior to the date of mediation. Absent agreement of the parties to the contrary, the cost of the mediator’s services shall be borne equally by the parties to the mediation conference. Responsibility for billing and payment rests solely on the parties.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, on this the 23 day of December 2002.

Richard G. Payne
Chief Judge