

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 5.027

IN RE:

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED
FAMILY LAW FORMS AND FLORIDA FAMILY
RULES OF PROCEDURE FORMS

WHEREAS, the safety of victims of Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence has been a longstanding concern of the judges in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence are serious problems affecting this county and state; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the judges in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to avoid any confusion for law enforcement and clerks in Monroe County which might be caused by multiple versions of Florida Family Law Forms, including petitions for and injunctions for protection against Domestic and Repeat Violence; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Florida Supreme Court to simplify the process in Family Court for pro se litigants; and

WHEREAS, Sections 741.30(3)(b) and 784.046(4)(b), Florida Statutes, provide that sworn petitions alleging the existence of Domestic Violence and Repeat Violence be in substantially the form provided therein; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2000 the Supreme Court of Florida issued an opinion requiring the use of the Amended Domestic and Repeat Violence Injunction Forms within sixty days; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida has indicated that it will henceforth internally review, revise, and otherwise maintain the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms and make technical and readability changes to these forms as necessary and through written opinion; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida has given the responsibility of reviewing, revising and otherwise maintaining the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms to the Florida Law Rules Committee,

It is therefore, ORDERED, that

1. All Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms and all Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms shall be utilized circuitwide.
2. Injunction forms will be updated circuitwide to reflect the changes made by the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Law Rules Committee.
3. Administrative Order 5.019 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this 15
day of November, 2000.

Mark H. Jones
Chief Judge