

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 6.009/10-1

IN RE:

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL AND
SPECIAL MAGISTRATES FOR
INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AND
INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT HEARINGS

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 394.467 (6)(a)2 provides that the court may appoint a general or special magistrate to preside at hearings upon Petitions for Involuntary Placement; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 397.681 (1) provides that the Chief Judge may appoint a general or special magistrate to preside over all or part of the proceedings held upon Petitions for Involuntary Assessment and/or Treatment;

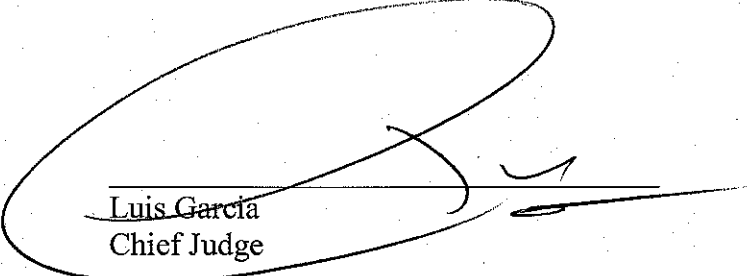
WHEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Rule 2.215 (b)(2), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED, that qualified attorneys may be appointed by the presiding judges assigned to the Probate and Guardianship Division to preside at hearings regarding involuntary placement under Florida Statute 394.467, and are authorized by the Chief Judge to preside over hearings for Involuntary Assessment and/or Treatment under Florida Statute Section 397.681.

The Court will appoint qualified attorneys on a case-by case basis, as needed, which shall be initiated upon order of the presiding judge. Said Magistrates, once appointed, shall be authorized to conduct hearings at Depoo Hospital, Key West, Monroe County, Florida, and at the Guidance/Care Center, Inc., Marathon, Monroe County, Florida.

Administrative Order 6.009 *Appointment of General and Special Masters for Involuntary Placement and Involuntary Treatment Hearings* is amended in its entirety.

12th DONE AND ORDERED, at Plantation Key, Monroe County, Florida, this
day of January, 2010.


Luis Garcia
Chief Judge