AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TRUANCY COURT PROGRAM IN ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, section 984.151, Florida Statutes, provides for the establishment of a Truancy Court Program (hereinafter referred to as "Truancy Court"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Truancy Court is to provide a forum to hear and rule on Truancy Petitions filed against minor children alleged to be truant from their attendance at school; and

WHEREAS, section 984.151, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.855 provide authority for the appointment of general or special magistrates to hear and make recommendations on truancy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frederick J. Lauten, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, hereby order the following, effective **immediately**, unless otherwise provided herein, superseding any provisions in prior Administrative Orders which may be inconsistent, and to continue until further order of this Court:

1. <u>General Provisions</u>. A Truancy Court Program in the Juvenile Division in Orange County is hereby established. Pursuant to section 984.151, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.855(b) the general magistrate assigned to the Juvenile Division shall preside over truancy hearings.

2. <u>Case Assignment</u>. All cases shall be assigned to **Subdivision 03-4**. The Judge in that subdivision shall be responsible for the truancy cases. Cases shall be filed with the Clerk of Court's Office in the Juvenile Division.

Administrative Order 2001-21-04 is vacated and set aside and has been incorporated and/or amended herein. Vacating an Administrative Order that vacates a prior Order does not revive the prior Order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2016.

/s/_____ Frederick J. Lauten Chief Judge

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