

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2003-19-01

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND  
FOR ORANGE & OSCEOLA COUNTIES,  
FLORIDA

**AMENDED ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC  
DEFENDER FOR PERSONS SUBJECT TO INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT  
IN CASES IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION  
IN ORANGE & OSCEOLA COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to chapter 394, section 394.467, Florida Statutes, persons subject to involuntary placement are entitled to representation by the Public Defender; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to streamline the process of appointing Public Defenders in these cases;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050 order the following effective immediately:

1. In actions for involuntary placement under chapter 394, section 394.467, Florida Statutes, where a person is subject to involuntary placement, the Public Defender shall be automatically appointed to represent such persons.

2. This Administrative Order shall provide the authority for appointments of the Public Defender in lieu of the issuance of a Court order in each case.

Administrative Order 2003-19 is hereby amended accordingly.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, this 10th day of February, 2006.

/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.  
Belvin Perry, Jr.  
Chief Judge

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