

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING PLEADINGS
FILED IN DEPENDENCY CASES

WHEREAS, there are many children in this Judicial Circuit who are under the Court's dependency jurisdiction, pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, with the move to privatization, these children may be evaluated by several different case workers/contractors with varying responsibilities at various stages of the case; and

WHEREAS, this Court recognizes the need for all parties to be able to identify the current case worker/contractor to better assist these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, this Court also recognizes that Central Florida is comprised of a diverse population of families, many of which require an interpreter at court proceedings to fully understand, communicate, and defend their case; and

WHEREAS, to ensure interpreters are available when needed, the Court requires advance notice of that need.

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 that, in addition to the requirements set forth in the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure and as otherwise provided by general law, all pleadings filed with the Court in dependency cases shall:

1. Identify the name, business address, phone number and cellular number (if available) of both the current case worker and the case worker's immediate supervisor or other person responsible for the case at the time the pleading is filed with the Court; and

2. Indicate whether an interpreter is needed for the parent(s) and, if so, the language spoken.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 20th day of May, 2005.

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

Copies to:
Clerk of Court, Orange County
Clerk of Court, Osceola County
General E-Mail Distribution List
<http://www.ninja9.org/adminorders/adminorders>