

**ORDER VACATING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 07-96-22**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature substantially amended section 393.12, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2008, relating to appointment of guardian advocates thereby eliminating the need for a local administrative order governing same;

**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 2.215, hereby order the following, effective **immediately**:

1. Administrative Order number 07-96-22, entered on November 5, 1996, governing the appointment of guardian advocates is vacated. All persons seeking the appointment of a guardian advocate are directed to follow the procedures established in section 393.12, Florida Statutes, chapter 744, and the Florida Probate Rules.

2. Instructions, forms, form orders, petitions, and applications are posted and available on the Probate page of the Ninth Judicial Circuit website which is located at <http://ninthcircuit.org/about/divisions/probate/index.shtml>. The instructions, forms, form orders, petitions, and applications are also obtainable through the Clerk of Court. All filings shall be in substantial compliance with the forms.

3. All documents relating to guardian advocates shall be filed in Division 5, Subdivision 01, the probate, guardianships, mental health, trusts, and civil commitments under the “Jimmy Ryce Act,” division of the circuit court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Orlando, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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

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