

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2004-08-02

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

ORDER AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2004-08-01

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the administration of justice in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, the Chief Judge is authorized to appoint magistrates; and

WHEREAS, the public need requires that magistrates be appointed by this Court to better serve the citizens of this Circuit;

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 order that, effective immediately, Administrative Order 2004-08-01 is hereby amended by substituting “General Magistrate” for “Administrative General Magistrate” in the following paragraphs:

1. **MARIA M. HINDS**, previously appointed as Administrative General Magistrate, shall continue to serve as General Magistrate of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, to hear all matters referred to her by the Judges of this Court which a magistrate is authorized to hear pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.490, Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.852(1)(3), Florida Probate Rule 5.697, Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure 8.255(i) and 8.625(h), Florida Family Law Rule 12.490, Chapters 393, 394, 397, and 744, Florida Statutes, and any other rule or statutory provision authorizing the appointment of a magistrate.

2. Having previously taken the oath of office required of officers by the Constitution of the State of Florida, attached hereto and recorded in the official records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, **MARIA M. HINDS**, as General Magistrate, shall:

a. Perform the duties required in accordance with the above cited rules and statutes and any other rule or statutory provision authorizing the appointment of a magistrate, and in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

b. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

c. Serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge.

d. Serve without requirement of bond.

3. As General Magistrate, **MARIA M. HINDS** may take testimony and establish a record by electronic means. The record will be made, retained, and destroyed in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.075 and administrative orders governing court reporting in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Administrative Orders 2004-08 and 2004-08-01 vacated and set aside and have been incorporated and/or amended herein.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 9th day of March, 2007.

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

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THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OATH OF ACCEPTANCE BY MAGISTRATE

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MARIA M. HINDS AS LEAD MAGISTRATE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared MARIA M. HINDS, to me being personally known and duly qualified to serve as Lead Magistrate, who by me being first duly sworn, deposes, and says,

I, MARIA M. HINDS, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the state; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Lead Magistrate for the Ninth Judicial Circuit on which I am now about to enter. So help me God.

/s/ Maria M. Hinds
Maria M. Hinds

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 16th day of June, 2004.

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