

**AMENDED ORDER ESTABLISHING MANDATORY
GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING COURSE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 744.3145, Florida Statutes, it is necessary that persons appointed as plenary guardians, including guardians of minors, receive instruction and training to ensure that they perform their guardianship duties in a competent manner;

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 hereby order the following:

1. Unless ordered exempt by the court, each person appointed by the Court to be a guardian must complete a minimum of 8 hours of instruction and training within one (1) year after his or her appointment as guardian. The instruction and training must cover:

- a. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian;
- b. The rights of the ward;
- c. The availability of local resources to aid the ward; and
- d. The preparation of habilitation plans and annual guardianship reports,

including financial accounting for the ward's property.

2. The courses approved for this instruction and training are:

- a. Guardianship Training Course presented by Seniors First, Inc.; and