

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5-38.2

IN RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY LAW ADVISORY GROUP

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court in In re: Report of the Family Court Steering Committee, 794 So.2d 518 (Fla. 2001), directed the establishment of family law advisory groups in each circuit or each county to further the goals of tailoring the unified family court to the needs of each community, exploring and taking advantage of resources within the community, and establishing open communication among court staff, judges, attorneys, social service providers, and other community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Judicial Circuit conducted a family court summit in April, 2001, attended by over 250 people representing a broad spectrum of individuals and organizations from throughout the circuit, many of whom expressed an interest in forming a family law advisory group; now, therefore, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

- A. The Tenth Circuit Family Law Advisory Group (hereinafter “FLAG”) is hereby established, to be appointed by the Chief Judge, and to consist of the following:
1. Chief Judge or their designee (chair of FLAG);
 2. Administrative judges (or their designees) of the courts in Hardee County and Highlands County regularly assigned domestic relations and/or juvenile dockets;
 3. Administrative judges (or their designees) of the juvenile and family divisions in Polk County;
 4. Court Administrator (or designee);
 5. Family Court Manager or Court Program Specialist;
 6. At least one representative each of the Hardee County Clerk of Court, the Highlands County Clerk of Court and the Polk County Clerk of Court;
 7. Representative of the Family Mediation Program;
 8. Representative of the Domestic Violence Program;
 9. Representative of the Magistrates Office;
 10. One representative each of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Revenue (to be selected by the respective district directors);
 11. One representative each from the offices of the State Attorney and the Public Defender (to be selected by the respective constitutional officer);

12. One representative each from the Family Law Bar and the Dependency Court Bar (may be the same person who is a member of both associations);
 13. Representative of a Problem Solving Court;
 14. One representative each of the three public school systems in the circuit;
 15. Representative of Heartland for Children;
 16. One representative each from the County Probation and Department of Corrections probation offices;
 17. Representative of law enforcement; and
 18. Representative of the Guardian Ad Litem Office.
- B. The Chief Judge may designate one or more individuals to represent more than one of the represented organizations.
- C. Effective upon signing, Administrative Order No. 5-38.1, entered on December 15, 2004, is hereby SUPERCEDED by this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 7th day of March, 2018.


DONALD G. JACOBSEN
Chief Judge

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