

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Petitioner

CASE NO.:

vs

DIVISION: E

Respondent

ORDER OF REFERRAL TO GENERAL MAGISTRATE

THIS CASE IS REFERRED TO A GENERAL MAGISTRATE on the following issues:

All issues related to the filed Petition under this case number including Motions for Temporary Relief, Motions for Contempt or Enforcement, Motion for Attorney Fees, Final Hearing and any other matter related thereto.

The Judge assigned to this case will determine which specific proceedings shall be heard by a General Magistrate. Request for a hearing shall be made to the undersigned Judge if one or both the parties are represented by counsel or through the office of the Pro Se Coordinator if neither party has counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above issues are referred to a General Magistrate for further proceedings, under Rule 12.490 of the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and current administrative orders of the Court. Financial Affidavits [Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902 (b) or (c)] shall be filed in accordance with Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285. The General Magistrate is authorized to administer oaths and conduct hearings, which may include taking in evidence, and shall file a report and recommendations that contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the name of the court reporter, if any.

The General Magistrate shall assign a time for the proceedings as soon as reasonably possible after this referral is made by the Court and shall give notice to each of the parties either directly or by directing counsel or a party to file and serve a notice of hearing.

Counties within the State of Florida may have different rules. Please contact the Family Law Intake Staff relating to this procedure.

A REFERRAL TO A GENERAL MAGISTRATE REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BY A JUDGE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BY A GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE REFERRAL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE TIME OF SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. IF THE TIME SET FOR THE HEARING IS LESS THAN 10 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS ORDER, THE

OBJECTION MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE HEARING. IF THIS ORDER IS SERVED WITHIN THE FIRST 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF PROCESS, THE TIME TO FILE AN OBJECTION IS EXTENDED TO THE TIME WITHIN WHICH A RESPONSIVE PLEADING IS DUE. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD IS DEEMED TO BE A CONSENT TO THE REFERRAL.

If either party files a timely objection, this matter shall be returned to the undersigned Judge with a notice stating the amount of time needed for a hearing.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A GENERAL MAGISTRATE SHALL BE BY EXCEPTIONS AS PROVIDED IN RULE 12.490 (F), FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE. A RECORD, WHICH INCLUDES A TRANSCRIPT, MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT EXCEPTIONS.

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT IN THIS CIRCUIT:

No Court Reporting is provided by the Court. A party may provide a court reporter at that party's own expense. Electronic recording is provided by the Court.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEEK A REVIEW OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION MADE BY A GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE EXCEPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 12.490 (f), FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A RECORD SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT YOUR EXCEPTIONS, OR YOUR EXCEPTIONS WILL BE DENIED. A RECORD ORDINARILY INCLUDES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF ALL RELEVANT PROCEEDINGS. THE PERSON SEEKING REVIEW MUST HAVE THE TRANSCRIPT PREPARED IF NECESSARY FOR THE COURT'S REVIEW.

DONE AND ORDERED this day of in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Petitioner:

Respondent: