

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A98-11

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING
DONATION OF JURY SERVICE COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 40.24(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes the donation of jury service compensation received by jurors upon conclusion of such service; and

WHEREAS, such compensation may be irrevocably donated to the 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization specified by the guardian ad litem program or to a domestic violence shelter as specified annually on a rotating basis by the clerk of court in the circuit for the juror's county of residence; and

WHEREAS, any guardian ad litem program receiving donations of juror compensation must expend such moneys on services for children for whom guardians ad litem have been appointed; and


WHEREAS, the funds collected may not reduce or offset the amount of compensation that the guardian ad litem program or domestic violence shelter would otherwise receive from the state; it is therefore

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

- 1) The Clerks of the Circuit Court in each of the five counties within the Fifth Judicial Circuit are hereby authorized to establish a program pursuant to F.S. 40.24(8) to allow jurors to donate compensation received for jury service to a guardian ad litem program or a domestic violence shelter; and
- 2) If such a program is established in any county within the Fifth Judicial Circuit, the Clerk of Court of such county shall:
 - a. Ensure that all jurors are given written notice that they have the option to so donate their compensation; and
 - b. Ensure that the applicable program specified by the guardian ad litem program or a domestic violence shelter receives all such funds donated by the jurors.

- c. Keep a record of all such money donated by jurors and the program(s) which received such funds.
- 3) Establishment and participation in this program is not mandatory, but shall be permissible for each county within this Circuit, pursuant to F.S. 40.24(8).
- 4) The provisions of this order shall be effective April 1, 1998.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Ocala, Marion County, Florida, this 1st day of April, 1998.



WILLIAM T. SWIGERT
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit