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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A2013-11

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING PETITIONS OF THE FLORIDA BAR FOR APPOINTMENT OF INVENTORY ATTORNEY BY THE CIRCUIT COURT AND

RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER A97-30

WHEREAS, The Florida Bar is an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida charged by the Supreme Court with regulation of attorneys in the State of Florida and protection of the public; and

•WHEREAS, The Florida Bar upon identification of certain incapacitated attorneys is required to petition the Supreme Court for immediate placement of those attorneys in the inactive list; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of placement of such attorneys on the inactive list of members of the Florida Bar, the Bar is further required, for the protection of the public, to petition the chief judges of the circuit courts for appointment of inventory attorneys to take possession of the files, monies and property of clients entrusted to the care of the incapacitated attorneys,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

- (1) The Clerks of the Circuit Court of the several counties of this judicial circuit shall neither request nor collect a filing or docketing fee for the filing of any circuit court action brought by the Florida Bar which seeks appointment of an Inventory Attorney pursuant to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar should such an action be filed with the Clerk of Courts.
- (2) If the action does not legally require or obligate the Clerk of Courts to open or maintain an original file, all original documents filed in said action shall be maintained by the Office of the General Counsel. The General Counsel shall, upon receiving notice, either written or telephonic, that a hearing has been scheduled, shall immediately hand deliver the original court file in such matters to the chambers of the chief judge, or acting chief judge, or the judge designated by him to preside over said case, for prompt consideration of the relief requested therein.
- (3) Courtesy copies of all filings and documentation shall be sent to and maintained by the Office of the Chief Judge.
- (4) Administrative Order Number A97-30 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida this <u>25</u> day of June, 2013.

DON F. BRIGGS CHIEF JUDGE FIFTH CIRCUIT