

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE:

WRITTEN AGREEMENT
FAMILY LAW CASES

ADMIN. NO. 2003-07

CITRUS COUNTY FAMILY LAW ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In the past the Court has required hearings in initial family proceedings even though each party had signed a written agreement and were represented by attorneys. However, the Court has accepted stipulations to modify initial orders and entered supplemental judgments without a hearing. Requiring hearings where all issues are settled costs the attorneys and litigants time and the litigants money for no reason other than tradition.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that it is no longer necessary to schedule a hearing in cases where the parties enter into a written agreement and each is represented by an attorney provided that all conditions necessary to entry of the final judgment have been completed.

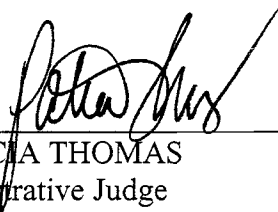
The parties may request waiver of the hearing by filing with the Court a request signed by the parties and their attorneys. Before or contemporaneous with the request the parties shall file financial affidavits, if required by the Family Law Rules of Procedure, proof of attending the parent stabilization seminar, and an affidavit of residency or driver's license for one party. If the Wife desires a name change without a hearing a separate affidavit executed by the Wife must be presented. It must reflect those requirements listed in a petition for a name change. The Court will review the file and enter the final judgment, advise the parties of any additional requirements, or set

the matter for final hearing.

If the agreement was reached at mediation, the parties must wait ten days before requesting a waiver of final hearing unless the parties and their attorneys sign an agreement to waive the ten days required by Family Law Rules of Procedure 12.740(f)(1).

The request to waive a final hearing may be included in the parties' agreement. For example, the agreement may provide that "the parties agree to entry of a final judgment on this marital settlement agreement without hearing or further notice." In that event, the documents that are necessary to close the case, including a final disposition form, may be forwarded to the Court with a cover letter by either attorney.

DONE AND ORDERED in Inverness, Citrus County, this 19 day of May,
2003.



PATRICIA THOMAS
Administrative Judge