

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. H-2010-04

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING  
PARENTAL RELOCATION WITH A CHILD

WHEREAS, the Family Courts in this County are receiving many petitions for relief alleging that parents have relocated with a child without compliance with Florida Statute §61.13001, known as the Parental Relocation Statute; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Court that many of these “relocated parents” are alleging that they were not aware of the advance approval requirements mandated by the statute prior to their relocation with the child/children; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Undersigned to issue and implement administrative orders and procedures so as to promote judicial efficiency and economy by reducing any unnecessary litigation due to the claims and allegations of the parties asserting their lack of knowledge of the requirements of §61.13001, especially in these times of economic austerity, overflowing dockets, crowded courtrooms, and congested calendars; as such, it is therefore:


**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

All Final Orders establishing or modifying time- sharing with a child, including but not limited to Final Judgments in Domestic Actions, Final Judgments of Paternity, Orders Modifying Child Time-Sharing, shall contain the following language, **in bold** or ALL CAPITAL LETTERS so as to draw the parties attention to these particular terms:

FLORIDA STATUTE §61.13001 REQUIRES IN PART THAT NO PARENT MAY RELOCATE MORE THAN FIFTY (50) MILES FROM HIS OR HER PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THIS ORDER WITHOUT RECEIVING, IN ADVANCE OF SUCH RELOCATION, A COURT ORDER PERMITTING SUCH RELOCATION OR THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OTHER PARENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SAID STATUTE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS REQUIREMENT MAY SUBJECT THE OFFENDING PARENT TO COURT ORDERED RETURN OF THE CHILD(REN) AND/OR OTHER SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE COURT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONTEMPT OF COURT, IMPOSITION OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS AND/OR OTHER SANCTIONS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, this

1st day of ~~MARCH~~, 2010.  
April

  
DANIEL B.. MERRITT, SR.  
Administrative Judge  
Hernando County, Florida