

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.:  
Division:

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE/MATTER OF:  
\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner,  
and  
\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent,

**ORDER OF REFERRAL TO GENERAL MAGISTRATE**

**THIS CASE IS REFERRED TO GENERAL MAGISTRATE DEIRDRE A. WALLACE** 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 ISSUE(S) REFERRED IS/ARE \_\_\_\_\_ and any other matters related thereto.

The General Magistrate is authorized to administer oaths and conduct hearings, which may include taking of 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 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 Family Court Services with any procedural questions.

**A REFERRAL TO A GENERAL MAGISTRATE REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE A CIRCUIT JUDGE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE THE 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 THE 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 ORDER OF REFERRAL.**

If a timely objection is filed by either party, the objecting party must serve a copy of the objection on all parties, the division judge, and the general magistrate. This matter shall be returned to the Circuit Judge to which the case is assigned with a notice stating the amount of time needed for the hearing.

**SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEEK REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED ORDER MADE BY THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE A MOTION TO VACATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 12.490(e), FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A RECORD SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT YOUR MOTION TO VACATE, OR YOUR MOTION WILL BE DENIED. A RECORD ORDINARILY INCLUDES A**

**WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF ALL RELEVANT PROCEEDINGS UNLESS WAIVED BY ORDER OF THE COURT PRIOR TO ANY HEARING ON THE MOTION TO VACATE. THE PERSON SEEKING REVIEW MUST HAVE THE TRANSCRIPT PREPARED FOR THE COURT'S REVIEW.**

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT IN THIS CIRCUIT ELECTRONIC RECORDING IS PROVIDED BY THE COURT. A PARTY MAY PROVIDE A COURT REPORTER, IF DESIRED, AT THAT PARTY'S EXPENSE.

**ORDERED** on DDDD.

**JJJJ**

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