

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES
STATE OF FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 99-07

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has enacted Section 390.01115, requiring parental notification, or judicial waiver thereof, before any abortion may be preformed on a minor; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote judicial economy and efficiency in the assignment of and management of cases filed pursuant to this legislation, it is necessary that these cases be assigned in the most efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has adopted on an emergency basis Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.840 and form 1.999; now therefore, I Paul B. Kanarek, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050, do hereby order the following:

1. Petitions filed by pregnant minors requesting the court for a waiver of the parental notice requirements concerning the minor's request to terminate pregnancy shall be filed in Juvenile Court and assigned to the judge hearing dependency cases for that county,

2. When these petitions are filed the Clerk shall immediately deliver the file to the judge assigned to the case. If the judge orders the appointment of a guardian ad litem, the Guardian Ad Litem Program shall immediately appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor. The guardian ad litem shall maintain the confidentiality of these proceedings.

3. Proceedings arising out of these petitions shall be given precedence over other pending matters.

4. All proceedings filed under Section 390.0115, Florida Statutes (1999) must be recorded and the record of these proceedings must be maintained as confidential. All identifying information pertaining to the minor in the petition or other documents shall be confidential.

8 **DONE AND ORDERED** in quadruplicate at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, this day of July, 1999


PAUL B. KANAREK
Chief Judge