

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.208-12/17*

IN RE: FAMILY MEDIATION

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. All parties, whether **self-represented** or represented by counsel, are encouraged to seek such mediation and resolution prior to initiating any legal action through the Court.
2. **Court personnel will set matters for mediation at the instruction of the presiding judge.**
3. **In cases where minor children are involved, mediators will prepare an appropriate parenting plan, a child support guidelines work sheet, and calculate child support (with allocation if more than one minor child is involved) and attach the child support guidelines worksheet to the signed settlement agreement.**
4. The parties are to share the costs of such mediation as provided for by Florida law.
5. Parties may elect to use a private mediator, certified in family mediation for mediation of any matter. If the parties' income statutorily permits, they shall be eligible to receive the services of the family mediation department of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (Administrative Order 2.801-9/08 as amended) to reach an amicable settlement of the issues or controversy.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 18 day of December, 2017.



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Krista Marx
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order no. 5.208-5/09