

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11.204-9/08\*

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON MAGISTRATES  
QUALIFYING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE


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The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit employs Magistrates to assist the court in adjudicating matters in both the Family and Probate Divisions of the courts. The duties of the Magistrates must be performed in a timely and efficient manner. It is impractical to expect that a campaign for elective office can be conducted during the evening and weekend hours as the time and energy demands of a campaign for elective office would necessarily effect the ability of a Magistrate to devote his or her full attention to the duties of office.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. A Magistrate must submit, at least twenty (20) days prior to the first day of the qualification period, a written resignation which is to be effective no later than the first day that the magistrate qualifies for an elected office.
2. If a written resignation is not submitted, the Magistrate's employment with the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit shall cease on the date the Magistrate files qualifying papers for an elective office.

**DONE AND SIGNED**, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 29 day of September, 2008.

  
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Kathleen J. Kroll  
Chief Judge

\*supersedes admin. order 2.037-3/05