

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR

HARDEE, HIGHLANDS AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-27.0

RE: PETITIONS OF THE FLORIDA BAR FOR APPOINTMENT OF INVENTORY ATTORNEYS BY THE CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, The Florida Bar is an arm of The Supreme Court of Florida charged by the Supreme Court with the regulation of attorneys in the State of Florida and the protection of the public and;

WHEREAS, The Florida Bar upon identification of certain incapacitated attorneys is required to petition the Supreme Court for immediate placement of those attorneys on the inactive list; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of placement of such attorneys on the inactive list of members of The Florida Bar, the bar is further required, for the protection of the public, to petition the chief judges of the circuit courts for appointment of inventory attorneys to take possession of the files, monies and property of clients entrusted to the care of the incapacitated attorneys;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for this judicial circuit shall not request nor collect a filing or docket fee for the filing of any circuit court action brought by The Florida Bar which seeks the appointment of an inventory attorney pursuant to the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

2. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for this judicial circuit shall allow counsel for The Florida Bar, and their agents, to take possession of the original court file in such matters for hand delivery to the chambers of the chief judge, or chief judge pro tem, for prompt consideration of the relief requested therein.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Bartow, Polk County, Florida this 7th day of July, 1997.

Charles A. Davis, Jr.

Chief Judge