

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-36.0

IN RE: RECORDING OF FINAL JUDGMENTS IN ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that Section 28.29, Florida Statutes, requires the Clerk of the Court to record all final judgments of civil actions; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that Section 63.162(2), Florida Statutes, provides that all papers and records pertaining to an adoption are confidential and subject to inspection only upon order of the court; and

WHEREAS, the Court also recognizes that Section 39.814(3), Florida Statutes, provides that court records relating to certain proceedings relating to children shall not be open to inspection by the public; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need for direction to the clerks in this area, and for the efficient and proper administration of justice in this circuit, it is therefore

ORDERED AND DIRECTED that:

1. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge in an adoption or termination of parental rights proceeding, the Clerks shall not release final judgments in those matters from the court file for recording in the official records.
2. All other provisions of Sections 63.162(2) and 39.814(3), Florida Statutes, concerning access to court files in these types of proceedings shall be followed by the Clerks of Court in this circuit.
3. Administrative Order No. 3-3.0 is hereby VACATED.
4. This administrative order shall have immediate effect.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 30th day of January, 2004.

RONALD A. HERRING, Chief Judge