

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4-9.1

RE: PROTECTION OF GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Court that there exists a potential problem concerning the safeguarding of guardianship assets; and

WHEREAS the Court has in conjunction with members of the Bar formed a solution to the problems; it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective November 1, 1994, all liquid assets belonging to a ward who is the subject of a guardianship proceeding in this Court and which are to be gathered and placed in a designated financial institution pursuant to §69.031, Florida Statutes, for the benefit of that ward are to first only be paid to the trust account of the attorney for the guardianship who shall then be responsible for placing those funds in the appropriate designated financial institution. In the case of settlement proceeds, the proceeds shall be disbursed directly from the attorney's trust account, where they have been since settlement, to the designated financial institution.

Administrative Order Number 4-9.0 dated October 6, 1994, is hereby SUPERSEDED by this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 13th day of March, 1995, Nunc Pro Tunc to October 6, 1994.

RANDALL G. MCDONALD, Chief Judge