

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7-4.0

**RE: FEE ASSESSMENT FOR SOCIAL INVESTIGATION**

**IN GUARDIAN AD LITEM CASES**

**Whereas** F.S. 61.20(1) authorizes the court to order a social investigation and study in any action where the custody of a minor child is an issue, and

**Whereas** this court does order this Circuit's Guardian Ad Litem Program to conduct such studies and investigation and submit its recommendations to the court, and,

**Whereas** F.S. 61.20(3) provides for the payment of costs for social investigations and studies provided for in this chapter by the adult parties involved in a child custody proceeding,

It is the **Decision** of the court that the fees collected should be deposited in the "Speak Up For Children in the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Inc." account to help defray the costs of the social investigations and studies conducted by the Guardian Ad Litem Program. This account is a Not For Profit Corporation under F.S. 617. It is therefore,

**ORDERED** and **DIRECTED** that a \$15.00 fee shall be assessed to each party to whom this section applies unless a party has been found to be indigent. Each party to whom a \$15.00 assessment has been made shall remit a check or money order made payable to: "Speak Up For Children, Inc." and shall mail it to: Guardian Ad Litem Program, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Post Office Box 9000, Drawer J125, Bartow, Florida.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Chambers in Bartow, Polk County, Florida, this 13th day of April, 1992.

RANDALL G. MCDONALD, CHIEF JUDGE

