## IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

DESIGNATED JUDGE TO PRESIDE OVER CASES INVOLVING THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL

CHILD ABDUCTION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12.8

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2019, the Supreme Court of Florida issued Administrative Order No. AOSC19-19, In re: Cases Involving the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida explains in Administrative Order No.

AOSC19-19 that "[i]t is the intent of the Florida State Courts System to better protect children from the effects of their wrongful removal through the establishment of a network of Florida judges who develop expertise in this important area of law"; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida has directed that the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit designate a judge with primary responsibility for handling Hague Convention cases involving the civil aspects of international child abduction filed within the circuit;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with Administrative Order No. AOSC19-19 and the authority vested in the Chief Judge pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.215, it is ordered as follows:

- 1. The **Honorable Lee A. Schreiber**, **Circuit Judge**, is hereby designated as having primary responsibility for handling all Hague Convention cases involving the civil aspects of international child abduction filed within the Twentieth Judicial Circuit.
- 2. Upon identification of Hague Convention cases involving the civil aspects of international child abduction, such cases shall be referred to the appropriate Administrative

Judge for reassignment, as may be applicable for the purpose of implementing the intent of this Administrative Order.

- 3. To the extent that any provision of this Administrative Order may be construed as being in conflict with any law, statute, or rule, the law, statute, or rule shall prevail.
  - 4. This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_\_

day of May, 2019

Michael T. McHugh Chief Judge

History. - New.

I certify this document to be a true and correct copy of the record on file in my office, Linda Doggett, Clerk Circuit/ County Court, Lee County, FL

Deputy Clerk



This by Day of May Recorded In OR Book by Page 33 and Record Verified.

LINDA DOGGETT By WY Clerk

Clerk Circuit Court Deputy Clerk

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