

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER,
MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE AND
ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 98 - 06

RE: Approval of Guardian Advocate Training Course
Pursuant to 394.4598(3) and (4), Florida Statutes (1996)

WHEREAS, 394.4598 (3)and (4), Florida Statutes, as amended by Ch. 96-169, Laws of Florida, requires that prior to exercising authority, a guardian advocate must attend a training course approved by the court; and

WHEREAS, the approved training course must be developed by the Florida Department of Children & Families and approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children & Families has developed an introductory Baker Act & Guardian Advocate Training Video; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children & Families has developed a Guardian Advocate Training & Resource Manual which includes information about the patient rights, psychotropic medications, diagnosis of mental illness, the ethics of medical decision making, and duties of guardian advocates;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050 and Florida Statute 394.4598(3) and (4), it is **ORDERED**:

1. The Guardian Advocate Training & Resource Manual developed by the Florida Department of Children & Families contains the information required by Florida Statute 394.4598(3). It is therefore approved as the guardian Advocate Training Course for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

2. The introductory tape developed by the Florida Department of Children & Families, Florida's Baker Act & Guardian Advocate Training Video, provides a foundation for understanding the information required by Florida Statute 394.4598(3). It is therefore approved and required as an introduction to the Guardian Advocate Training Course for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

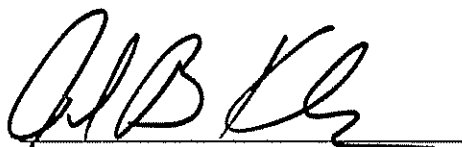
3. Self-teaching is the approved method for this training course. Each guardian advocate shall view Florida's Baker Act & Guardian Advocate Training Video and read the Guardian Advocate Training and Resource Manual.

- A. The video is available through the public library system of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, as well as all library sites for Indian River Community College. The video will also be shown at the office of the Clerk of Court in each county.
- B. The manual is available from the office of the Clerk of Court in each county at no cost to the guardian advocate. The manual may be taken home and kept as a resource for the guardian advocate. The manual will also be available as a reference at all locations where the video is shown.

4. Any person who is appointed to act as a Guardian Advocate in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit **must view the introductory training video, execute a Certificate of Compliance (see attached form) and file the certificate with the Clerk before exercising any authority in their capacity as a Guardian Advocate.** In addition, within five (5) days of the appointment the Guardian Advocate must read the Guardian Advocate Training and Resource Manual and shall complete the Guardian Advocate Self-Test located on page 65 of the training manual.

5. Upon completing the Guardian Advocate Training Course the Guardian Advocate shall file a written certificate of compliance (*see attached form*) with the Clerk of Court

DONE AND ORDERED in quadruplicate at Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, this 25 day of June, 1998.


PAUL B. KANAREK
Chief Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: _____
(Name of Patient)

CASE NO: _____

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH REVIEW OF
GUARDIAN ADVOCATE VIDEO**

I, _____, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that I have viewed the Guardian Advocate Training Video prior to taking any actions as a Guardian Advocate in this case.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 199_____.

(Signature)

(Name of Guardian typed or printed)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: _____
(Name of Patient)

CASE NO: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLAINE
GUARDIAN ADVOCATE TRAINING COURSE

I, _____, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that I have completed the Guardian Advocate Training & Resource Manual in accordance with the requirements of Administrative Order 98-06 .

DATED this _____ day of _____, 199__.

(Signature)

(Name of Guardian typed or printed)