

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2023-055  
(Supersedes Administrative Order A-2021-010)**

**HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF  
INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION**

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Convention) is a mechanism for parents seeking the return of children who have been wrongfully removed or retained from the child's country of habitual residence. More than 30 years ago, Congress enacted the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to implement the Convention in the United States, and Florida law recognizes the Convention in sections 61.524-61.525, Florida Statutes.

In light of Florida being one of the states in which a significant number of Convention cases are filed, the Florida Supreme Court established a network of Florida judges who develop an expertise in this important area of the law. In accordance with Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC19-19 and as a result of recent judicial reassignments, it is necessary to re-designate a judge with primary responsibility for handling Convention cases filed within the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2); and Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC19-19, it is ORDERED:

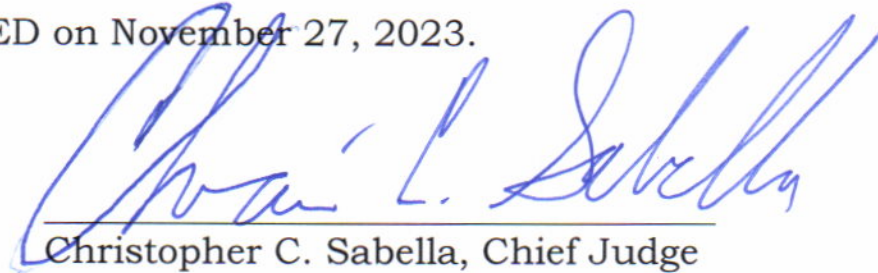
**1. Designation of Hague Convention Judge**

Effective December 1, 2023, the Honorable Thomas N. Palermo, Circuit Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, is designated with primary responsibility for handling Convention cases filed within this circuit.

**2. Previous Administrative Order Superseded**

This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order A-2021-010 (*Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction*).

ENTERED on November 27, 2023.



Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge

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The Honorable Thomas N. Palermo, Thirteenth Judicial  
Circuit  
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