## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.802-08/24\*

IN RE: ARBITRATORS	

The Florida Legislature has enacted section 44.106, Florida Statutes, to provide for standards and procedures of those persons who are eligible and qualified to serve as arbitrators. The following will be the procedures in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit related to the selection and compensation of arbitrators and hearing procedures of non-binding arbitration.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of General Practice & Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

## 1. Selection of Arbitrators

- a. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Office shall maintain a list of those individuals who have provided evidence that they have met the qualifications set forth in the applicable rules, and have agreed to serve as arbitrators.
- b. Those individuals listed with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office are determined to be eligible and qualified to serve as arbitrators in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida with all the power and duties conferred by Chapter 44, Florida Statutes and Rules 1.700, 1.810-1.830, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

## 2. Compensation

Arbitrators will be compensated in accordance with section 44.103, Florida Statutes, and Rule 11.100 of the Florida Rules for Court-Appointed Arbitrators. Payment must be made directly to the arbitrator by the conclusion of the arbitration hearing.

## 3. Scheduling of Arbitration Hearing(s)

If the parties cannot stipulate to the date, time and location of the arbitration hearing within 10 days after issuance of the notice of arbitration, then the selected arbitrator will decide these matters. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, within 20 days of the date of the order referring parties to non-binding arbitration, a hearing must be scheduled and must be held

within 90 days of the order. Any additional hearings will be held in accordance with the time standards set forth in Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.820.

**DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

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Glenn D. Kelley, Chief Judge

<sup>\*</sup>Supersedes Administrative Order 2.802-9/08