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Hon. James C. Kingsley  
Chief Judge  
37th Circuit Court  
County Building  
315 W. Green St.  
Marshall, MI 49068

Re: Administrative Order 1993-24  
Proceedings of Referee Hearing

Dear Judge Kingsley:

This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced Administrative Order and find that it conforms with the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

Sincerely,

John D. Ferry, Jr.  
Deputy State Court Administrator

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cc: Kevin Bowling, Regional Administrator  
Jeffrey G. Albaugh, Court Administrator

IN THE MATTER OF REFEREE HEARING PROCEEDINGS

The Court, having reviewed the provisions of MCR 3.200, et seq., and MCL 552.507 sets forth the following procedure for the Domestic Relations Referees and Friend of the Court relating to the proceedings of referee hearings:

IT IS ORDERED:

1. All referee proceedings shall be recorded by electronic means pursuant to MCR 3.215(D)(4).
2. The audio tapes of referee hearing proceedings shall be retained by the Friend of the Court for a period of not less than 60 days following conclusion of the hearing and issuance of the referee's report and/or recommendation. Unless the matter that was subject to the referee hearing is pending before the Court or unless ordered otherwise by the Court, the audio record of the proceedings need not be retained by the Friend of the Court for any longer than the above noted 60-day period.
3. In addition to the circumstances set forth at MCLA 552.507(3), either party to the action may request a copy of the recording of the referee hearing proceeding at his/her expense.
4. Except when ordered to be copied at the public expense, the Friend of the Court may require the party or parties to deposit the estimated cost prior to furnishing the copy. If the amount required is not deposited, the Friend of the Court is no obligated to prepare the copy, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
5. The Friend of the Court shall charge a party or parties the actual cost of the office in producing and preparing the tape copy as may be determined in each case by the Friend of the Court.
6. Audio recordings of hearings made and held prior to the effective date of this Order shall be subject to the terms of this Order.
7. Administrative Order 1990-2 is rescinded upon the effective date of this Order.

This Order shall become effective July 1, 1993.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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JAMES C. KINGSLEY P15983  
Chief Circuit Judge

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37th Judicial Circuit,  
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