IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2.002/04-1 AMENDED

IN RE:

MEDIATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature amended Section 44.108, Florida Statutes, Funding of Mediation and Arbitration, to provide that the clerk of the court shall collect fees when court-ordered mediation services are provided by a circuit court's mediation program; and

WHEREAS, fees collected by the clerk of court pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the state court's Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund to fund court-ordered mediation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Courts System has budget authority to expend these fees and has allocated an estimate of these fees to the individual circuits; and

WHEREAS, the 16th Judicial Circuit needs to be informed as to the collection and deposit of these fees for the purpose of budgeting certain mediation and arbitration-related expenditures,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

Administrative Order 2.002, *In re: Mediation*, and all of its amendments, is hereby amended to add Section O to read:

O. The Clerk of the Court shall provide a monthly report to the Trial Court Administrator designating the amount of fees remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the state court's Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund pursuant to Section 44.108, (2).

DONE AND ORDERED at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this <u>9th</u> day of <u>August</u> 2004.

Richard G. Payne Chief Judge