

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12-06<sup>1</sup>**

**Establishment of Mental Habilitation Attorney Panel**

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order 03-20 established an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of creating panels for the representation of individuals who are the subject of Mental Health and Mental Habilitation proceedings in the District of Columbia Superior Court, pursuant to D.C. Code § 21-543 and Section 7-1304.2; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2012 the Mental Health and Mental Habilitation Panel Committee submitted to the Chief Judge its Final Report on its evaluation of applications and recommendation of names of attorneys eligible for appointment to represent individuals who are the subject of Mental Habilitation proceedings;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge is satisfied that the recommendations of the Mental Health and Mental Habilitation Panel Committee with respect to the attorneys to be placed on the Mental Habilitation Attorney Panel have been made after careful study and consideration of each attorney eligible to be considered, and should be accepted in their entirety without change; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for a Mental Habilitation Attorney Panel to be constituted at this time;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED**, that a Provisional Panel is created which shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed in the Provisional Panel Member list on Appendix 1, attached hereto; that a Panel is created which shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed as Panel Members on Appendix 1 attached hereto; it is further

**ORDERED**, that absent suspension or removal, the Mental Habilitation Attorney Panel attorneys listed in Appendix 1 as Panel Members are appointed to the panel for a period of four (4) years, at which time they must submit an application for reappointment, pending the determination of which they may remain a member of the panel, and if reappointed, every four (4) years thereafter; it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Provisional Panel Member attorneys listed in Appendix 1 shall be eligible to accept appointment as counsel to parties in Mental Habilitation proceedings for a period of one (1) year, at which time they must further apply to become full members of the Mental Habilitation Panel for the remaining years of the term, pending the determination of which they may remain Provisional Panel members; it is further

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<sup>1</sup> Amended Administrative Order 12-06 modifies Appendix 1 of the original Administrative Order 12-06, which listed an attorney's name incorrectly.

<sup>2</sup> By Administrative Order No. 08-24, the Chief Judge previously constituted a panel of attorneys for appointment in Mental Health cases, based on the Panel's earlier report of December 17, 2008.

**ORDERED**, that those listed attorneys on each list whose names are designated with an asterisk, may be appointed to represent any person who is the subject of a Mental Habilitation proceeding except for a member of the plaintiff class in the Evans v. Gray litigation;<sup>3</sup> it is further

**ORDERED**, that this Administrative Order shall take effect June 18, 2012.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**DATE: June 18, 2012**

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/s/  
**Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Chief Judge**

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**Judges**  
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**Magistrate Judges**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Clerk of the Court**  
**Family Court Director**  
**Director, Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division**  
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<sup>3</sup> Panel members marked with an asterisk are attorneys employed by University Legal Services (ULS), which is responsible for representing the plaintiff class in Evans. This limitation on their appointment to represent only non-class members was agreed to by the ULS, and is intended to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest. See D.C. Rules of Prof'l Conduct R. 1.7.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Panel Members**

Linda Aikens  
Glenn Angelo  
Michael T. Barry  
Ashok Batra  
Pierre Bergeron  
Sandra Bernstein\*  
Rodella Elizabeth Berry  
Yael Cannon  
Charles Canty  
John Connelly  
Joel Curtis  
Thomas Devlin  
Robert Dinerstein  
Donald Exner  
Myrna Fawcett  
Charles Fitzpatrick  
Joan Gauche  
Herbert Gutterman  
Jane Hammitt  
John Howard  
Joseph Jose  
Patrick Knight  
Desiree Knights-Taylor  
Isaac Kunnirickal  
Jennifer Lav\*  
Robert Lavine  
Erin Leveton\*  
Judith Lovelace  
Howard Margulies  
Roger Middleton  
Ronald Mitchell  
Janice Moore  
Marquita Moye  
Lisa Orlow  
Lucy Osakwe  
Aaron Price  
Marc Resnick  
Steven Schiff  
Jennie Shamey  
Betty Sinowitz

James Sullivan  
Richard Toth  
Shawn Ullman\*  
Kelly Venci  
Morgan Whitlatch

### **Provisional Panel Members**

Francis Barikor  
Nakeisha Blount  
Mary Clark\*  
Joy Freeman-Coulbary  
Laura Flegel  
Laura Goodson  
Akua Gyimah-Brempong\*  
John Hoppe  
James Loots  
Godwin Oyewole  
Bernard Raiche  
Richard Tappan  
Ronald L. Thomas  
James G. Turner  
Russell Twist  
Karen Walker