

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-09**

**Application of the Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Amendment Act of 2012 to D.C. Court  
Employees who are not Mandatory Reporters Under D.C. Code § 4-1321.02**

**WHEREAS**, the Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Amendment Act of 2012, D.C. Law 19-315, requires “[a]ny person who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that a child is a victim of sexual abuse . . . [to] immediately report such knowledge or belief to the police” or the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA);

**WHEREAS**, non-judicial D.C. Court employees,<sup>1</sup> in the regular course of business, may encounter allegations of sexual abuse of a child in court filings, pleadings or testimony that are subject to a judicial determination on credibility;

**WHEREAS**, non-judicial D.C. Court employees who are not mandatory reporters under D.C. Code § 4-1321.02 are not in a position to establish the credibility of an allegation of sexual abuse of a child without a judicial determination;

**WHEREAS**, reporting all allegations of child abuse encountered in the regular course of business by non-judicial D.C. Court employees who are not mandatory reporters under D.C. Code § 4-1321.02 would place unnecessary burden on the judicial process and CFSA;

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

**ORDERED**, that because allegations of sexual abuse of a child in court filings, pleadings or testimony do not give rise to reasonable cause to believe that a child is a victim of sexual abuse unless and until a judicial determination has been made, non-judicial D.C. Court employees who are not mandatory reporters under D.C. Code § 4-1321.02 shall not report such allegations unless so directed by the Court.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**June 27, 2013**

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/s/  
**Acting Chief Judge Frederick H. Weisberg  
for Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield**

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this administrative order, the term “non-judicial D.C. Court employees” means all Court employees other than judicial officers. *See* D.C. Courts Personnel Policy 200.

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