

Supreme Court of Florida

IN RE: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 99-168,
LAWS OF FLORIDA (KAYLA MCKEAN ACT)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 99-168, the Kayla McKean Child Protection Act (the Act), and

WHEREAS, the Act states that it is intended to provide better protection for children who are at risk of child abuse or neglect, and

WHEREAS, the Court supports the intent of the Act, and

WHEREAS, the Act affects the judicial branch of government,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

An Ad Hoc Committee on Implementation of the Kayla McKean Act is established. The ad hoc committee is directed to address the following question:

How can the judicial branch comply with the intent of the Kayla McKean Act to have information provided to the Department of Children and Families without impinging upon separation of powers, the prohibition against ex parte contacts, the impartiality of the judiciary and other important policy issues?

The following persons are appointed to serve on the ad hoc committee:

The Honorable Daniel Dawson, co-chair
Circuit Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Robert L. Doyel, co-chair
Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Nikki Ann Clark
Circuit Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Walter Colbath, Jr.
Chief Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Janet Ferris
Circuit Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

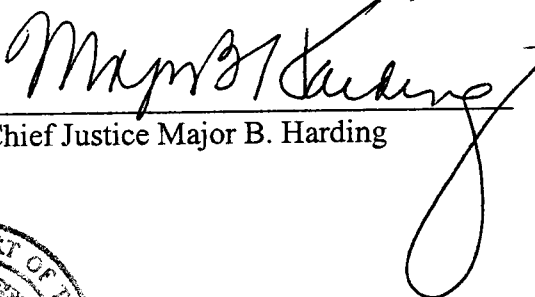
The Honorable Amy Karan
County Judge, Dade County

Justice Barbara Pariente will serve as the Supreme Court's liaison to the Committee.


Staff support for the Committee will be provided by the Office of the State Courts
Administrator.

The Committee is directed to provide an interim report to the Court no later than
January 1, 2000. The Ad Hoc Committee will expire on June 30, 2000.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on October 25, 1999.


Chief Justice Major B. Harding

ATTEST:


Debbie Causseaux, Acting Clerk

