

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

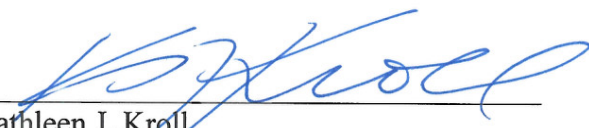
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.202-5/09*

IN RE: MOTIONS TO COMPEL DISCOVERY
IN FAMILY LAW CASES

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Hearings on Motions to Compel Discovery: No motions to compel discovery will be heard unless the motion or notice of hearing contains a "good-faith" certification by the moving counsel or moving *pro se* party to the effect that he or she has already contacted opposing counsel or the opposing party, if that party is unrepresented, and attempted to resolve the discovery dispute without a hearing, but that the matter could not be resolved.
2. Ex Parte Motion to Compel: When a motion to compel discovery alleges a complete failure to respond or object to discovery and affirmatively states that no timely request for extension of time has been served, an ex parte order on the motion may be entered by the court which requires compliance with the original discovery demand within 10 days of the signing of the order. No hearing is required. The moving part shall submit a proposed order along with a copy of the motion to compel directly to the court along addressed, stamped envelopes for the court's consideration. A copy of all materials provided to the court in accordance with this rule shall be timely provided by the moving party to opposing counsel or the opposing party, if that party is unrepresented.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida,
this 21 day of May, 2009.



Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 5.011