## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY.

FAMILY DIVISION "" CASE NO.

## IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

## **ORDER APPOINTING A SOCIAL INVESTIGATOR**

This Court, sua sponte, or upon a previously filed Motion or Stipulation of the Parties, hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a Social Investigator pursuant to Section 61.20, Florida Statutes, to conduct a social investigation involving the pertinent details relating to the children and to each parent, in this cause and to provide a report and recommendations to the court, with copies to counsel/unrepresented parties prior to hearing.

The social investigator must be qualified as an expert under section 90.702, Florida Statutes, to testify regarding the written study. The investigator shall consider the best interests of the child(ren) based upon all of factors affecting the welfare and interest of the particular minor child(ren) and the circumstances of that family, including, but not limited to the statutory factors set forth in section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

To:		
Social Investigator: _	 	
Mother:	 	 
Father:		

It is further ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1) The Social Investigator shall conduct a study for:

- □ <u>An initial establishment of a parenting plan</u>
- □ <u>A modification of an existing parenting plan</u>
- 2) The Social Investigator is authorized to conduct a:

□ Comprehensive Investigation: Specific areas of concern are:

 $\Box$  Limited Investigation: This will cover only narrowly defined issues as determined by the Court. The area(s) to be addressed may be up to 2 two of the following issues:

time sharing
physical/emotional safety of children
proper supervision
home environment
associates of parents
drugs/excessive alcohol in home

- 3) Payment of the Fees. Both parties have agreed to the appointment of a private Social Investigator. The Petitioner must pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ of this fee; the Respondent must pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the fee. Both parties must, within SEVEN (7) days of service of this Order, remit the fee, indicated above (if any), made payable to the evaluator.
- 4) The parties shall contact the investigator appointed by the court to establish an appointment schedule to facilitate timely completion of the investigation. A copy of the order of appointment shall be provided immediately to the investigator by the court, unless otherwise directed by the court.
- 5) Written Study with Recommendations. The investigator shall prepare a written study with recommendations regarding a parenting plan, including a written statement of facts found in the social investigation on which the recommendations are based. The written study with recommendations shall be furnished to the court and a copy provided to all parties of record by the investigator at least 30 days before any hearing at which the court is to consider the written study and recommendations, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- 6) Additional Investigation. After the written study is furnished to the court, any party may file a motion for an additional expert examination, evaluation, interview, testing, or investigation. The court upon hearing may order the additional examination, evaluation, testing, or interview of the minor child based on the court finding that the investigation is insufficient and that further examinations, testing, interviews, or evaluations of the minor child would be in the best interests of the minor child.
- 7) Production of File. On motion of any party, the court may order the investigator to produce the investigator's complete file to another qualified investigator for review by such investigator, who may render an opinion and testify.
- 8) The parties are hereby directed to fully cooperate with the investigation process. No continuances will be granted due to the failure of either party to participate in completing a social investigation/home study. This report shall be completed within sixty days from the date of this ORDER.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Palm Beach County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Circuit Judge

Copies furnished: Petitioner/Attorney Respondent /Attorney Social Investigator This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.207

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