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The Supreme Court of Florida
Supreme Court Building
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CLERK OF THE COURT
By _____
Deputy Clerk

Re: Request for comments on proposed Rule 4.190 Masters.

Honorable Justices,

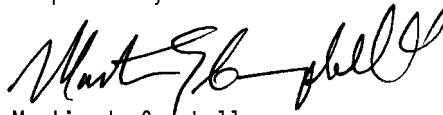
I write as an attorney who has for many years handled the Uniform Reciprocal enforcement of Support Actions in all five counties in the Fifth Circuit (some 2,500 cases in 1986), and as a past President of the Florida Family Support Council.

My one comment would be a recommendation to change the wording from "shall" to "may" in the second line of the first sentence in the proposed rule.

This would enable a Chief judge to use his discretion as to whether to appoint any or no Masters. The present wording gives him (or her) discretion as to whether the Masters he (or she) appoints should serve for a county or circuit-wide, but does not give him the option of appointing none at all where they are not needed.

Because of the very efficient system established for many years in the Fifth Circuit, child support enforcement cases of all kinds are handled by assigned judges in a most expeditious manner, and the additional delays required for judicial review of Masters' decisions would most probably be detrimental to the effectiveness of the program in this and other rural counties.

Respectfully submitted.



Martin J. Campbell.

cc. Chief Judge Ernest C. Aulls, Jr.