



TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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Honorable ~~Parker Lee McDonald~~
Chief Justice/Florida Supreme Court
Supreme Court Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-8167

Dear Chief Justice:

Mike Bridenback, of the Dispute Resolution Center, has solicited comments regarding the proposed Mediation/Arbitration Rule.

I commend David Strawn and the committee on their successful efforts; however, I am concerned that the qualifications for family mediators and circuit court mediators may be too stringent. We do have a successful program in the 20th circuit and would hate to see that program decimated because of the inability to qualify mediators under the proposed rules.

Thank you for inviting these comments.

Kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Shafer, Jr.

cc: Honorable David Patterson, Circuit Judge
Honorable William Norris, Circuit Judge
William D. Wilkinson, Sr., Court Administrator
Mike Bridenback, Director/Dispute Resolution Center