IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. <u>90-93-Ci-B</u>

IN RE: APPROVED COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FOR GUARDIANS APPOINTED BY THE COURT

WHEREAS, Section 744.3145, Florida Statutes (1989), required that each person appointed by the Court to be a guardian receive a minimum of eight hours of instruction and training in the following areas:

a. The legal duties and responsibilities of the guardian;

- b. The rights of the incapacitated Ward;
- c. The availability of local resources to aid the Ward;
- d. The preparation of habilitation and plans and annual guardianship reports, including financial accounting for the Ward's property; and

WHEREAS, such instruction and education must be completed through a course approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court and taught by a Court-approved organization;

THE COURT FINDS that Brevard Guardianship Services, Inc., a corporation not for profit which has applied for exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code, has prepared and offered and is prepared to continue to offer a course of instruction which meets the requirements of Florida law and that said corporation is otherwise qualified for approval to conduct such course. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the course of instruction prepared and offered by Brevard Guardianship Services, Inc. is hereby approved as meeting the guardian education requirements of Section 744.3145, Florida Statutes (1989); and it is further

ORDERED that Brevard Guardianship Services, Inc. shall offer said course of instruction in each of the three geographic areas within Brevard County, Florida, in a rotation reasonably certain to make such course available timely to any person appointed by the Court to be a guardian and required by law to complete such education requirement; and it is further

ORDERED that Brevard Guardianship Services, Inc. may charge a maximum fee of \$25.00 for such course in amount sufficient to cover the operating costs of offering the course, which fee may be waived by the Court on a case-by-case basis upon petition of the guardian showing hardship; and it is further

ORDERED that by January 31, of each year for the previous accounting period, Brevard Guardianship Services, Inc. shall provide an accounting and budget to the Chief Judge for review and adjustment of fees, as deemed appropriate.

This Administrative Order shall not be construed to prohibit other qualified individuals or organizations from applying for and receiving approval, in this Circuit, to teach a similar class of instruction so long it otherwise meets requirements for approval under Section 744, Florida Statutes (1989).

ORDERED in Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, this day of October, 1990.

O.H. Eaton, Jr. O. H. EATON, Chief Judge

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