

IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-13

IN RE: **ADOPTION OF FAMILY LAW
PROFESSIONALISM GUIDELINES**

ORDER

WHEREAS, The Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) published its *Bounds of Advocacy* in 1991, and

WHEREAS, the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar appointed a committee to adapt the *Bounds of Advocacy* to the practice of Family Law in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, The Florida Bar's committee has reviewed, modified and adopted the *Bounds of Advocacy* for utilization in the State of Florida and The Florida Bar published the document as *Bounds of Advocacy - Goals for Family Lawyers in Florida* in 2004, and

WHEREAS, the practice of law in all areas of Family Law is of great public importance and requires a high level of dedication and sensitivity by lawyers that practice in this area, and

WHEREAS, this court recognizes the excellence and dedication of the First Judicial Circuit lawyers, and

WHEREAS, the First Judicial Circuit Bench and Bar Professionalism Committee has recommended the Chief Judge promulgate the *Bounds of Advocacy* for the practice of Family Law within the First Judicial Circuit by all lawyers - the local Bar and any visiting members of the Bar - practicing in the First Judicial Circuit, it is hereby

ORDERED AND DECREED that

1. The *Bounds of Advocacy - Goals for Family Lawyers in Florida* is hereby adopted for utilization by all lawyers and courts involved in the practice of Family Law cases

within the Courts of the First Judicial Circuit.

2. All attorneys who engage in the practice of Family Law, including the handling of any case that is defined as a Family Law case, are directed to read, review and adhere to the provisions of the *Bounds of Advocacy* which can be read and reviewed at www.familylawfla.org/pdfs/boundsRevised.pdf

DONE AND ORDERED at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida this 30th day of January, 2008.



KIM A. SKIEVASKI
CHIEF JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Honorable Ross Goodman, Circuit Judge, Chairman, Bench & Bar Professionalism Committee, First Judicial Circuit
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