



**CIRCUIT COURT**  
**FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**  
CLAY, DUVAL AND NASSAU COUNTIES

**MARK H. MAHON**  
CHIEF JUDGE

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
501 W. ADAMS ST., ROOM 7140  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

January 1, 2017

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman  
96135 Nassau Place, Ste. 1  
Yulee, Florida 32097

Dear Commissioner Leeper:

Pursuant to Nassau County Ordinance Number 2004-40, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) imposed the \$65.00 court cost authorized under Section 939.185, Florida Statutes (the \$65.00 Funds). Under Section 939.185(1), twenty-five percent of the \$65.00 Funds collected "shall be allocated to fund innovations, as determined by the chief judge of the circuit, to supplement state funding for the elements of the state courts system identified in" Section 29.004, Florida Statutes. The elements of the state courts system identified in the latter referenced statute include, under subsection (8) thereof, general magistrates and special magistrates.

Due to the increasing caseload of family law and related cases and proceedings in Nassau County, I am requesting the Board fund services for a contractor to serve as a Family Court magistrate for the Nassau County Circuit, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida from the proceeds of the \$65.00 Funds.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mark H. Mahon

MHM/nb

cc: Honorable Robert M. Foster  
Mike Mullin, County Attorney  
John A. Crawford, Clerk of Court

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J. Stanekiewicz  
CC: S. Jones