

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: REPORT OF THE
FAMILY COURT STEERING
COMMITTEE

CASE NO: 00-1410

**PETITION OF THE FAMILY COURT STEERING COMMITTEE
TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
A MODEL FAMILY COURT FOR FLORIDA**

The Family Court Steering Committee, through its chair, Circuit Judge Karen K. Cole, submits this Petition of the Family Court Steering Committee in Response to the Court's Decision of March 10, 1994. In *In re: Report of the Commission on Family Courts*, 633 So.2d 14 (Fla. 1994), this Court directed the Family Court Steering Committee to develop recommendations regarding the characteristics of a model family court, including organization, policy, procedures, staffing, resources, and linkages to community services to assist children and families involved in litigation.

The Family Court Steering Committee hereby submits its (attached) recommendations on these model family court issues to the Florida Supreme Court and respectfully requests that this Court adopt these recommendations. *See* attached

**“Appendix A” entitled A Model Family Court for Florida: Recommendations of
the Family Court Steering Committee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing PETITION OF THE FAMILY COURT STEERING COMMITTEE TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MODEL FAMILY COURT FOR FLORIDA, was provided by U.S. Mail to: Mr. John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399; to Terrence P. O'Connor, Chair, Family Law Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, 111 S.E. 12th Street, Suite C, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 33316; to Honorable Charles J. Kahn, Jr., Chair, Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 1st District Court of Appeal, 301 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399; and to Jeffrey P. Wasserman, Chair, Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, 4000 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 620-N, Hollywood, FL 33021-6751 this 29th day of June, 2000.

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