

**October 30, 2007**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

THE COURT HEREBY ENTERS THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER:

RECITALS

- A. Expedited permanency planning is the objective in all dependency and neglect cases and mandated in cases involving children age 5 and under.
- B. Most dependency and neglect cases in the district begin before one of the magistrates.
- C. Should a respondent party or the People request a jury trial, those matters need to be set in a very short timeframe.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court orders as follows:

- 1. All such cases shall be set on the district judge's docket for purposes of setting the jury trial as soon as practicable.
- 2. Concurrently the presiding magistrate shall in all such cases refer the case to the other magistrate for purposes of a case management conference to narrow issues, explore possibility of settlement and prepare the case for trial.
- 3. This Order shall be a standing order in all dependency and neglect cases. No independent or separate order shall be necessary for referral to the magistrate for case management purposes even if a jury trial is set in a dependency and neglect proceeding.

BY THE COURT:

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J. Steven Patrick  
Chief District Judge