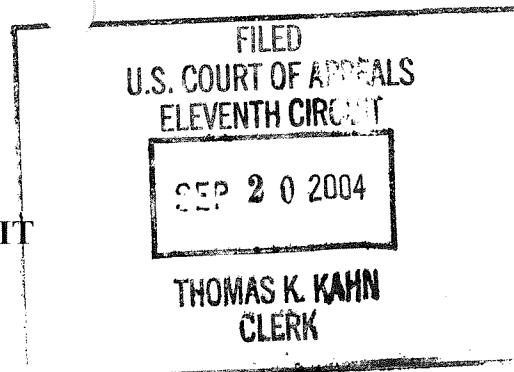


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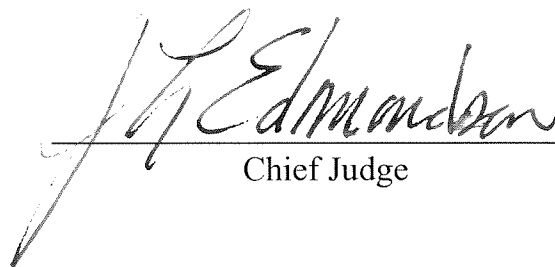


Before: EDMONDSON, Chief Judge, TJOFLAT, ANDERSON, BIRCH, DUBINA, BLACK, CARNES, BARKETT, HULL, MARCUS, WILSON, and PRYOR, Circuit Judges.

It appearing that an immediate need exists for the establishment of an internal program of the Court of Appeals to permit use of private mediators for appeals selected for mediation by the Kinnard Mediation Center, said program not to exceed 24 months in duration unless the Court affirmatively acts to extend the program, 11th Cir. R. 33-1(g), attached hereto, is hereby promulgated under authority of 28 U.S. C. § 2071(e), effective 1 October 2004 and concluding 30 September 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated:



Chief Judge

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 33-1

(g) Use of Private Mediators.

(1) Upon agreement of all parties, a private mediator may be employed by the parties, at their expense, to mediate an appeal that has been selected for mediation by the Kinnard Mediation Center.

(2) Such private mediator (i) shall have been certified or registered as a mediator by either the State of Alabama, Florida, or Georgia for the preceding five years; (ii) shall have been admitted to practice law in either the State of Alabama, Florida, or Georgia for the preceding fifteen years and be currently in good standing; and (iii) shall be currently admitted to the bar of this court.

(3) All persons while employed as private mediators shall follow the private mediator procedures as set forth by the Kinnard Mediation Center.

(4) The provisions of this subsection (g) shall be in effect until September 30, 2006, and thereafter if re-authorized by order of this court.