

IN THE TWENTIETH CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF)
JOSEPH J. BERNARDO)
AS GENERAL MAGISTRATE)
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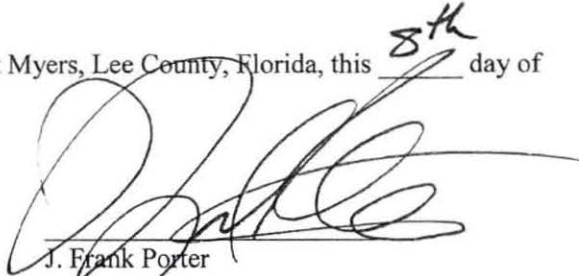
WHEREAS, in order to expedite the administration of justice in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, the public need and demand require that General Magistrates be appointed by this Court to better serve persons involved in legal proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. FRANK PORTER, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, do hereby appoint JOSEPH J. BERNARDO to serve as General Magistrate for the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.490 (Civil); Fla. R Civil P. 1.491 (Residential Foreclosure); Fla. Prob. R. 5.095 (Probate and Guardianship); Fla. Prob. R. 5.697 (Guardianship Inventories, Accountings, and Plans); Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.490 (Family); Florida Statute §394.467 (Baker Act); Florida Statute §397.681 (Marchman Act); Florida Statute §744.369 (Guardianship Reports); or any other matter as may be assigned.

THIS ORDER shall be effective April 15, 2024, and shall remain in effect until amended, terminated or revoked by subsequent Order of the Court.

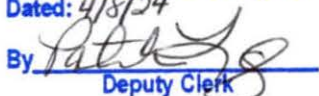
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, this 8th day of April, 2024.



J. Frank Porter
Chief Judge

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Copies to: Joseph J. Bernardo
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I hereby certify this document to be a true and correct copy of the record on file in my office
Kevin C. Karnes, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lee County, FL
Dated: 4/8/24
By 
Deputy Clerk



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JOSEPH J. BERNARDO) OATH OF ACCEPTANCE
AS GENERAL MAGISTRATE) OF GENERAL MAGISTRATE
_____)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JOSEPH J. BERNARDO, to me known, who by me being first duly sworn deposes and says,

I, JOSEPH J. BERNARDO, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and the Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the constitution of the State of Florida; and, that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of General Magistrate by virtue of the appointment by J. Frank Porter, Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

Joseph J. Bernardo

SWORN to and subscribe to before me this 8th day of April, 2024

J. Frank Porter
Chief Judge

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