STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
,)	THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)	
36)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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IN RE: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM)	
FOR DIVORCING PARENTS)	
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Whereas, children of divorce are at greater risk for developing emotional problems and substance abuse problems; and

Whereas, an educational program for divorcing parents may reduce problems that may be experienced by their children by alerting the parents and other necessary parties to these potential dangers.

Now therefore, it is

ORDERED that all parties in cases filed with this Court (excluding rules to show cause and DSS abuse/neglect cases, unless otherwise ordered), which involve contested issues related to custody and/or visitation of children under eighteen (18) years old, shall complete the Parent and Child Transition Program (PACT), The Children Cope with Divorce Program, or similar alternative program approved by the Chief Administrative Judge.

ORDERED FURTHER that attorneys shall notify their clients this requirement and the Clerk of Court shall notify all nonincarcerated



Pro Se litigants who file for divorce and/or who allege problems
with custody/visitation;

ORDERED FURTHER that upon written request or motion with notice to all parties, and for good cause shown, this requirement may be waived by any resident Family Court Judge or the temporary hearing Judge;

ORDERED FURTHER that any litigant who fails to attend PACT and further fails to obtain a waiver must present his or her reason for noncompliance at the Court hearing.

This order shall apply to cases filed on or after May 23, 1994 provided that a Judge may, in his or her discretion, require parties in previously filed cases to comply with this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Stephen S. Bartlett

Chief Administrative Judge Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

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