

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

Administrative Order 2002-08

RE: POWERS OF MAGISTRATE PATRICIA K. ASQUITH

In accordance with Section 8-10-3.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws entitled "Masters-Appointed, Duties and Powers", Magistrate Patricia K. Asquith is hereby authorized to assist the court in hearing:

1. arraignments related to wayward/delinquent and dependent children;
2. arraignments related to abused and neglected children;
3. paternity proceedings;
4. adoption proceedings; and
5. all domestic relations motions.

The Magistrate is further authorized to:

1. regulate all proceedings before her;
2. do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of her duties;
3. require the production before her of books, papers, vouchers, documents and writings;
4. rule upon the admissibility of evidence;
5. issue subpoenas for the appearance of witnesses, to put witnesses on oath, to examine them and to call parties to the proceedings and examine them upon oath;
6. adjudicate a person in contempt and to order him or her imprisoned for not more than seventy-two (72) hours, pending review by a justice of the court, for failure to appear in response to a summons or for refusal to answer questions or produce evidence or for behavior disrupting a proceeding;
7. adjudicate a party in contempt and to order him or her imprisoned for not more than seventy-two (72) hours, pending review by a justice of the court, for failure to comply with a pending order to provide support or to perform any other act; and

8. issue a *capias* and/or body attachment upon the failure of a party or witness to appear after having been properly served and, should the Family Court not be in session, the person apprehended may be detained by the Adult Corrections Institution, if an adult, or at the Rhode Island Training School for Youth, if a child, until the next session of the Family Court.

Magistrate Patricia K. Asquith is hereby authorized to hear all matters on the newly created Truancy Court calendar, whenever and wherever said Court may be in session.

September 3, 2002

DATE

JEREMIAH S. JEREMIAH, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE