

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER - 84 - 4

POWERS OF THE MASTER

In accordance with § 8-10-3.1 of the General Laws entitled "Masters -- Appointment, Duties and Powers" the Master is hereby authorized to: (1) adjudicate a person in contempt and to order him imprisoned for not more than seventy-two (72) hours, pending review by a justice of the court for failure to appear in a response to a summons or for refusal to answer questions or produce evidence or for behavior disrupting a proceeding; (2) adjudicate a party in contempt and to order him 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 perform any other act. The order of imprisonment will be reviewed by a Family Court Judge on the day of the Master's order. If a judge is not available, the judicial review will be scheduled at the next session of the Family Court.

CHIEF JUDGE EDWARD P. GALLUCCI

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