

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #89-3

October 18, 1989

RE: POWERS OF THE MASTER

In accordance with Section 8-10-3.1 of the Rhode Island 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. Upon completion of seventy-two (72) hours said cases will be reviewed by the Chief Judge in Providence County.

This administration supercedes Administrative Order 84-4.

Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr.
Chief Judge