

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 06–13**

**(Certificates of Residency by Magistrate Judges)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-1732(c)(3) of the D.C. Official Code requires magistrate judges to be bona fide residents of the District of Columbia, to maintain an actual place of abode therein for 90 days immediately prior to appointment and to retain such residency during their service as magistrate judges; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-1732A(c)(3) of the D.C. Official Code requires magistrate judges appointed to the Family Court of the Superior Court to be either bona fide residents of the District of Columbia, having maintained an actual place of abode therein for 90 days immediately prior to appointment or to be bona fide residents of the area consisting of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties in Maryland and Arlington and Fairfax Counties and the City of Alexandria in Virginia, having maintained an actual place of abode therein or in the District of Columbia for at least five years prior to appointment, and to certify that they will become bona fide residents of the District of Columbia within 90 days of appointment and to retain residency in the District of Columbia during their service as magistrate judges; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 11-1702(b)(2), the chief judge may enter appropriate orders with respect to the residency requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**ORDERED**, that at the time of appointment other than to the Family Court, each magistrate judge, except those exempt from a residency requirement pursuant to § 11-1732(c)(3), shall sign and file with the Director of the D.C. Courts Human Resources Division a certificate of residency as follows:

“I hereby certify that I am a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia and that for the 90 days immediately preceding my appointment I have maintained an actual place of abode in the District of Columbia;”

and it is further

**ORDERED**, that at the time of appointment to the Family Court, each magistrate judge who is unable to certify residency in the District of Columbia as above, shall sign and file with the Director of the D.C. Courts Human Resources Division a certificate of residency as follows:

“I hereby certify that I am a bona fide resident of the areas consisting of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties in Maryland, Arlington and Fairfax Counties, and the City of Alexandria in Virginia; I further certify that I have maintained an actual place of abode in such area, areas or the District of

Columbia for at least five years preceding my appointment, and I further certify that I will become a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia no later than 90 days after my appointment.”

and it is further

**ORDERED**, that on or before January 15 of each year, each magistrate judge, except those exempt from a residency requirement pursuant to § 11-1732(c)(3), shall sign and file with the Director of the D.C. Courts Human Resources Division a certificate of residency as follows:

“I hereby certify that I am a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia and have continuously retained such residency throughout the previous calendar year [‘since my appointment’ for magistrate judges initially appointed during the preceding year].”

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

July 17, 2006

/S/  
**Rufus G. King, III, Chief Judge**

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