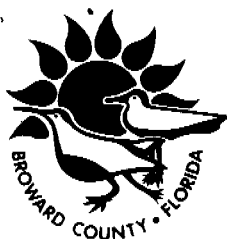


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By _____
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Honorable Leander J. Shaw, Jr., Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Florida
Supreme Court Building
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1925

Dear Chief Justice Shaw:

This letter is sent on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, regarding the Florida Supreme Court's present consideration to mandate a family court division in the circuit courts of Florida. The creation of a family court division greatly concerns the Broward County Commission because there is no local funding available to adequately support the services that will be required by its creation.

Broward County's resources are already strained by its current contribution of nearly \$75,000,000.00 to fund the judicial system in Broward County. Simply stated, there is no local funding source available in Broward County to support a family court division and none is anticipated to be available in the near future. For this reason, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County join the judges of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County in opposing the creation of a family court division in Broward County unless adequate funding for such division is provided.

Very truly yours,

Lori Nance Parrish, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
of Broward County, Florida

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- Justice Rosemary Barkett
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- Justice Gerald Kogan
- Justice Major B. Harding