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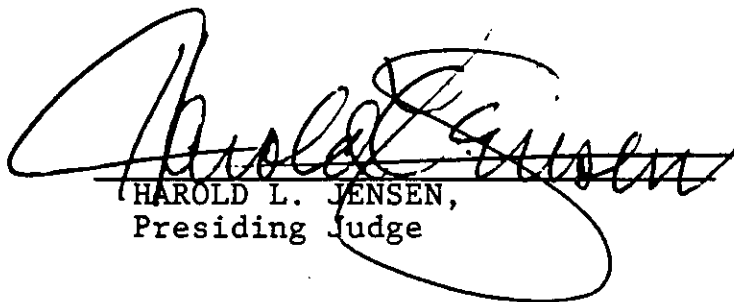
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To All Champaign County Lawyers:

After review and evaluation of the "Children First" program, the Champaign County judges have unanimously decided to implement that program here, effective November 1, 1990. Although not many lawyers took the opportunities to attend the presentations of this program when offered in August, 1990, those that did believe it to be valuable.

In all marriage dissolution cases and all post judgment proceedings involving custody or visitation filed on and after November 1, 1990, where there are minor children, the parents will be required to participate in the program, except in those few, special circumstances where participation might be waived for good cause shown. No judgment of dissolution of marriage will be entered until it has been certified to the judge that the parents have completed the program. Participation requires attendance at two one-hour classes.

The program will be conducted by Family Service of Champaign County and is authorized by Section 404.1 of the I.M.D.M.A. A short description and rationale for the program is attached together with a copy of the fee schedule. All scheduling of classes may be accomplished by contacting Family Service of Champaign County, 405 S. State Street, Champaign, 352-0099.

  
HAROLD L. JENSEN,  
Presiding Judge