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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2025-DR-13939
Division: FM-G

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

ANGELA LEE PHILLIPS, Petitioner,

and

JOHN MICHAEL PHILLIPS, Respondent.
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ORDER APPOINTING EXPERT FOR SOCIAL INVESTIGATION

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on April 8, 2026 upon Husband's Motion to Appoint Psycho/Social Investigator and Conduct Psycho/Social Investigation filed on March 30, 2026. Both parties were present and represented by counsel.

The Court being fully advised in the premises, finds that the parties' consent to a social investigation which shall include a psychological evaluation of Wife. Wife orally requested via counsel that Husband also be psychologically evaluated as part of the social investigation. Husband objects to being psychologically evaluated unless Dr. Blackmon, in his discretion, finds that a psychological evaluation of Husband is warranted.

A parenting plan for the minor children is in issue and that the best interests of the parties' minor children requires a recommendation from an expert pursuant to Sections 61.20 and 90.702, Florida Statutes, and Rules 12.364 and 12.363, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED:**

1. Husband's Motion for a Psycho/Social Investigation is GRANTED.

ACCEPTED: DUVAL COUNTY, JODY PHILLIPS, CLERK, 06/17/2026 03:24:18 PM

2. **Referral:** David J. Blackmon, 1400 Marsh Landing Parkway, Suite 112, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 (904)-333-3389 is hereby appointed to perform a social investigation which shall include a psychological evaluation of the Wife. Dr. Blackmon, in his discretion, may determine what, if any, psychological evaluation of Husband is conducted. Dr. Blackmon shall develop a written report containing factual findings and recommendations regarding a parenting plan with the primary emphasis on the parties' concerns regarding timesharing.

3. **Issues/Nature of Action:** This is an original dissolution of marriage action.

The Investigator shall observe and conduct an age and developmentally appropriate examination, evaluation, and/or interview of the minor children in the parents' homes and any family members or other persons residing in the children's homes for the purpose of making recommendations about a timesharing schedule that is in the children's best interest.

The Investigator shall consider and specifically refer to the statutory factors in Section §61.13(3)(a)-(t), Florida Statutes, in making his recommendations and report to this Court.

4. Parent Contact Information:

Petitioner Name:	Angela Lee Phillips
Petitioner's Address:	713 Carthage Place, Saint Johns, FL 32259
Petitioner's Phone Number:	(305)-968-8664
Petitioner's Email Address:	angelaleephillips@outlook.com
Respondent's Name:	John Michael Phillips
Respondent's Address:	5151 Pirates Cove Road, Jacksonville, FL 32210
Respondent's Phone Number:	(904)-614-9317
Respondent's Email Address:	jmp@floridajustice.com

5. **Parent's Duty to Schedule:** If they have not yet been contacted by the

Investigator upon receipt of this Order, each party shall contact the Investigator listed in paragraph one herein within five (5) days of the entry of this Order to schedule a meeting in furtherance of the social investigation and shall take such measures as may be required or necessary to assist them in performing the investigation.

6. **Cost:** The Husband agreed to be responsible for the initial cost of the investigation. The Court reserves jurisdiction to possibly reapportion the cost at a later date, if appropriate.

7. **Duty to Cooperate:** All parties shall cooperate fully with the Investigator in the performance of the investigation. The parties shall timely complete any paperwork requested and cooperate fully with any additional testing or referral to a mental health professional requested by the Investigator during the investigation. The parties shall execute any and all releases/forms necessary to authorize the Investigator to obtain any records which the Investigator deems necessary to the social investigation and psychological evaluation of Wife, and if Dr. Blackmon deems it necessary, of Husband. Any dispute as to the reasonable need for such records shall be resolved by the Court upon motion filed by either party.

8. **Access to Children:** The Investigator shall have unsupervised access to the children of the parties.

9. **Records:** Upon presentation of this Order to the Clerk of this Court, the Family Nurturing Center, and the Department of Children and Families, the Investigator is hereby authorized to inspect and copy any records relating to the parties or children without consent of the children or parties. Additionally, and solely for purposes of facilitating the social investigation, Wife agrees to execute a limited authorization permitting Dr. Blackmon to communicate directly with her current mental health treating

professionals for the limited purpose of verifying:

a. the existence and duration of treatment;

b. attendance and compliance with treatment recommendations;

c. prescribed medications, if any;

d. whether the provider has any concerns regarding Wife's ability to safely parent the minor child(ren); and

e. any recommendations the provider believes are relevant to parenting, timesharing, or the best interests of the minor child(ren).

Said limited authorization shall not authorize the wholesale production of Wife's psychotherapy notes, counseling records, psychiatric records, substance abuse treatment records, medical charts, or other confidential treatment records unless otherwise agreed by Wife or ordered by the Court after notice and hearing. The limited authorization shall also not authorize any treating provider to produce records directly to the Investigator, nor shall it authorize the Investigator to independently obtain or subpoena records, absent further written agreement of Wife or further order of the Court. Any dispute as to the reasonable need for such records shall be resolved by the Court upon motion filed by either party.

10. **Confidentiality:** The Investigator shall maintain any information received from any such sources in pars. 7 and 9 as confidential and will not disclose the same except in reports to this Court and the parties hereto.

11. **Third Party Contact:** The Investigator may contact any individuals that he deems necessary to gather pertinent details relating to the children and parents. These individuals may include, but are not limited to, the child, potential step-parents, step-parents, step-siblings, teachers, childcare providers, relatives, friends, neighbors,

activity supervisors, and past or present health care professionals. The Investigator shall list the names of all persons interviewed in connection with the investigation in her report.

12. **Communications with Attorneys:** The attorneys for the parties shall not communicate with the Investigator concerning the merits of the case during the pendency of the investigation unless the correspondence is copied to the attorney for the other party or included in a conference call. The attorneys shall not provide any documents to the Investigator except upon the Investigator's request. Copies of all documents or records sent by either attorney to the Investigator shall also be simultaneously furnished to opposing counsel. The attorneys for the parties may communicate with the Investigator ex parte regarding scheduling matters, updates concerning the progress of the investigation and its anticipated completion date, or in anticipation of testimony once the report is complete.

13. **Report:** At the conclusion of the investigation, and no later than thirty (30) days before a trial or hearing, the Investigator shall file a Notice of Completion with the Court and furnish all parties to this proceeding, and their attorneys, if any, with a written report containing her recommendations, including a written statement of facts upon which the recommendations are based. The Investigator shall not file a copy of the report with the Clerk of Court nor provide a copy of the report to the undersigned Judge in Chambers.

14. **Conclusion of Appointment:** Once the Investigator has rendered his report, the Court appointment is concluded. Thereafter, no party or attorney shall provide the expert further information or materials, nor request a further opinion, except by Order of this Court.

15. **Reservation of Jurisdiction:** This Court reserves jurisdiction to modify and/or enforce this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 17th day of June, 2026.

JOHN I. GUY
Circuit Court Judge

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