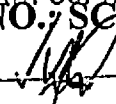


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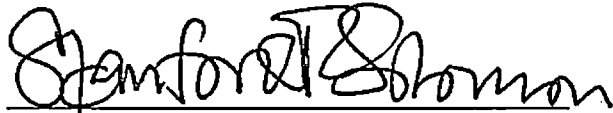
**COMMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE  
REGARDING CHANGES TO RULE 2.420  
PROPOSED BY THE ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Stanford R. Solomon, Chair, Special Joint Committee on Changes to Rule 2.420 (“**Joint Committee**”), and John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, submit this Comment in response to an invitation for Comments in this Court’s October 13, 2008, Publication Notice, issued after the filing of a petition by the Committee on Access to Court Records (“**Access Committee**”) that contains proposed revisions to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420.

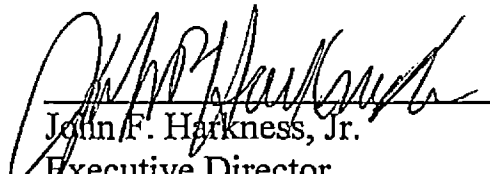
The Joint Committee comprises members of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee (“**RJA Committee**”), the Appellate Court Rules Committee (“**ACRC**”), and the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee (“**CPRC**”), assisted by members of the Access Committee. The Joint Committee has reviewed comprehensive reports regarding the succession of proposed changes to Rule 2.420 and has reviewed all Comments filed to date, particularly including the prior Comments filed by the Joint Committee on September 2, 2008, and the Comments filed by the RJA Committee on January 12, 2009. Each rules committee additionally addressed the issue at their face-to-face meetings during The Florida Bar’s Midyear Meeting on January 15-16, 2009. There was no further feedback to the Joint Committee from anyone on either the RJA Committee, the ACRC, or the CPRC. (The CPRC has indicated that it will file separate Comments directed to concerns regarding application of the proposed rule to confidential informants, and has received an extension from this Court to do so by January 30, 2009.)

The Joint Committee is of the opinion that the issues have been thoroughly addressed in its previous Comments and in the Comments filed by the rules committees, and that no further Comment is necessary.

Respectfully submitted on January 28, 2009.



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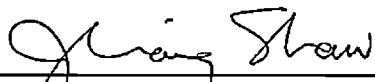
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### CERTIFICATION OF FONT COMPLIANCE

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by United States mail to The Honorable Judith Kreeger, Chair, Commission on Access to Court Records, c/o Office of the State Court Administrator, Supreme Court Building, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900; Steve Henley, Office of the State Court Administrator, Supreme Court Building, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900; Scott M. Dimond, 2665 S. Bayshore Dr., #PH-2B, Miami, FL 33133-5448; John S. Mills, 865 May St., Jacksonville, FL 32204-3310; The Honorable Thomas H. Bateman III, Leon County Courthouse, c/o Trial Court Administrator, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301; Carol M. Touhy, Volusia County Courthouse, 101 N. Alabama Ave., DeLand, FL 32724; Barbara A. Petersen and Adria E. Harper, 336 E. College Ave., Suite 101, Tallahassee, FL 32301; Carol Jean LoCicero and Deanna K. Shullman, 400 N. Ashley Dr., Tampa, FL 33602; Lucy A. Dalglish, Gregg P. Leslie, and Matthew B. Pollack, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209; Robert Dewitt Trammell, P.O. Box 1799, Tallahassee, FL 32302; Arthur I. Jacobs, P.O. Box 1110, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-1110; and Penny H. Brill, 1350 N.W. 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136, on January 28, 2009.



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