

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE
FLORIDA RULES OF JUDICIAL
ADMINISTRATION AND FLORIDA
RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 3.030 –
ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE**

CASE NO: SC19-2163

**FACC’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION AND TO FILE
COMMENTS OUT OF TIME**

The Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc. d/b/a Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers ("FACC") moves for an extension and to file comments out of time, and states:

The FACC is a non-profit voluntary association, whose membership includes each of the 67 elected clerks of the circuit and county courts throughout Florida. The clerks of court have significant duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration (“Rules”).

The proposed amendments under review in this matter include extensive changes to the Rules. Pursuant to an order of this Court dated March 27, 2020, any comments on the proposed amendments were to be filed with the Court on or before May 1, 2020.

Through the FACC, the clerks work together on issues of mutual interest and concern. Due to issues surrounding the COVID-19 emergency and the disruption in the respective clerks’ offices, there was a delay in the collective review of the

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comments that have been filed pertaining to the Rules. However, after such collective review, the FACC and the clerks believe it necessary to provide input for the Court's consideration on the proposed amendments, particularly with regard to, and in support of, proposed Rule 2.525(f) pertaining to the powers of clerks to reject certain filings. The FACC and the clerks can provide the Court with insight into the practice and procedure of the offices of the clerks of court and are in a unique position to assist the Court in its consideration of the proposed Rule.

Permission to file comments out of time, and an extension to file comments through and including May 29, 2020, would allow the FACC to collect and thoroughly prepare comments for the Court's consideration. This request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

The FACC is authorized to represent that the Honorable Josephine Gagliardi, Chair of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, and Jane Allie McNeill, Chair of the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, have no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, the FACC respectfully requests the Court to allow it to file comments to the proposed amendments out of time and to extend the time within which it may file comments through and including May 29, 2020.

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