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In re: Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases - Report No. 19-02,
Case No. SC19-424

Dear Editor:

I have provided you with a copy of the proposed Rules in the above case. Please publish said Rules in the February 1, 2020, Bar News. Please publish a statement that the Court has placed the proposed Rules on the Internet at location: **http://onlinedocketssc.flcourts.org/**.

Any comments should be filed with the Supreme Court on or before March 3, 2020. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (Portal) in accordance with *In re Electronic Filing in the Supreme Court of Florida via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13-7 (Feb. 18, 2013). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Comments filed via the Portal must be submitted in Microsoft Word 97 or higher. *See In re Electronic Filing in the Florida Supreme Court*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC17-

27 (May 9, 2017). Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Most cordially,

John A. Tomasino

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Enclosure
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Honorable C. Alan Lawson, Supreme Court Justice Liaison
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Bart Schneider, Committee Liaison

The Florida Supreme Court recently amended Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases 7.3, 7.5, and 7.6. *See In re: Standard Criminal Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases-Report 2019-02*, No. SC19-424 (Fla. Dec. 19, 2019). The proposals to amend instructions 7.5 and 7.6, which presented technical changes only, were not previously published for comment with instruction 7.3.

The Court invites all interested persons to comment on the amendments, which are available online at http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/opinions.shtml. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before March 3, 2020, with a certificate of service verifying that a copy has been served on the Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases, The Honorable F. Rand Wallis, c/o Bart Schneider, Office of the General Counsel, 500 S. Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1925, schneidb@flcourts.org. A separate request for oral argument should accompany the comment if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. The Committee Chair has until March 24, 2020, to file a response to any comments filed with the Court. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Portal in accordance with *In re Electronic Filing in the Supreme Court of Florida via the Florida Courts E–Filing Portal*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13–7 (Feb. 18, 2013). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Comments filed via the Portal must be submitted in Microsoft Word 97 or higher. *See In re Electronic Filing in the Florida Supreme Court*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC17-27 (May 9, 2017). Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399–1927; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

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The amendments are reproduced in full online at http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/opinion.shtml.