

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA
RULE OF JUDICIAL
ADMINISTRATION 2.423**

SC20-1128

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Michael J. Korn, Chair of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee (RJA Committee), Michael W. Schmid, Chair of the Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director of The Florida Bar, submit this Response to the Comments filed by the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers and the News Media Coalition after this Court's December 1, 2020 published invitation. The RJA Committee's Response to Comments was initially due January 25, 2021, but an extension to March 1, 2021 was granted, consistent with the extension granted in *In re: Amendments to the Florida Rule of Appellate Court 9.142*, SC20-1129, with which this case is traveling.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation for the Comments filed. The Comment by the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers supports the proposed rule which was created with their input and ongoing involvement with the Joint ad Hoc Subcommittee. Therefore, no response is necessary.

While the Comment by the News Media Coalition is appreciated, it repeats some of the prior concerns raised by the News Media Coalition which were addressed and rejected during the rule drafting process. The RJA Committee and Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee believed those suggested edits are constitutional interpretations. Since it is the Court's role, and not a committee's role, to interpret the Constitution, no rule amendment is proposed based on the News Media Coalition Comment, because the RJA Committee and Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee believe the current proposed rule as drafted is consistent with the Constitution, but that is an issue this Court will ultimately determine.

For the Court's information, the Report of the Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee presented at the RJA Committee's January 15, 2021

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meeting, along with the pertinent minutes of that meeting, are attached as Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted this 28th of February 2021 by

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