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In re: Amendments to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.130,
Case No. SC21-129

Dear Editor:

I have provided you with a copy of the proposed Rules in the above case. Please publish said Rules in the March 1, 2021, 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 April 30, 2021. 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,

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAT', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John A. Tomasino

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable John D. Couriel, Supreme Court Justice Liaison
Diane West, Central Staff Director
Honorable Dori Foster-Morales, President, The Florida Bar
Honorable Michael G. Tanner, President-elect, The Florida Bar
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Honorable Stephanie W. Ray, Chair, Appellate Court Rules Committee
Maegen P. Luka, Interested Party
Bryan S. Gowdy, Interested Party
G.C. Murray, Interested Party
Eric Romano, Interested Party

The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee (Committee) has submitted to the Florida Supreme Court a report proposing an amendment to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.130 (Proceedings to Review Nonfinal Orders and Specified Final Orders). The proposed amendment would authorize the appeal of nonfinal orders that grant or deny a motion for leave to amend a complaint to assert a claim for punitive damages.

The Court invites all interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment, which is summarized by the Committee below and reproduced in full online at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Case-Information/Rules-Cases-Proposed-Amendments>. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before April 30, 2021, with a certificate of service verifying that a copy has been served on the Committee Chair, Honorable Stephanie Williams Ray, First District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001, rays@1dca.org, and on the Bar Staff Liaison to the Committee, Krys Godwin, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, kgodwin@floridabar.org, as well as a separate request for oral argument if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. The Committee Chair has until May 21, 2021, 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 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.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 9.130, CASE NO. SC21-129

Rule Number	Explanation
9.130 (Proceedings to Review Nonfinal Orders and Specified Final Orders)	Adds subdivision (a)(3)(G) to provide for interlocutory appeal of nonfinal orders granting or denying leave to amend a complaint to assert a claim for punitive damages.