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*In Re: Report and Recommendations of the Workgroup on  
Improved Resolution of Civil Cases, Case No. SC22-122*

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, 2022, 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 31, 2022. 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. 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

cc: Hon. Charles T. Canady, Supreme Court Justice Liaison  
Diane West, Director of Central Staff, Florida Supreme Court  
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The Judicial Management Council's Workgroup on Improved Resolution of Civil Cases (Workgroup) has submitted to the Florida Supreme Court a report recommending amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the Florida Small Claims Rules, and the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators. The proposed amendments would require civil trial judges to engage actively in case management, would promote adherence to the timetable set in initial case management orders, would promote professionalism among practitioners, and would require case reporting by the chief judges of each circuit.

The Court invites the judicial conferences, members of the judiciary generally, as well as rules committees and other interested persons to comment on the proposed amendments, which are reproduced in full online along with the Workgroup's report at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Case-Information/Rules-Cases-Proposed-Amendments>. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2022, with a certificate of service verifying that a copy has been served on the Workgroup Chair, Chief Judge Robert Morris, Second District Court of Appeal, P.O. Box 327, Lakeland, FL 33802, and on the OSCA Staff Liaison to the Workgroup, Tina White, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, [whitet@flcourts.org](mailto:whitet@flcourts.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 Workgroup Chair has until April 21, 2022, 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. 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; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

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