

Amendments to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.220 (Conferences of Judges) regarding cooperation and coordination

The Florida Supreme Court, on its own motion, recently amended Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.220 (Conferences of Judges) to add new subdivision (d) (Cooperation and Coordination). The new subdivision requires the Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges, the Conference of Circuit Court Judges, and the Conference of County Court Judges to cooperate and coordinate with each other and the state courts administrator on matters that have branch-wide implications, consistent with the conferences' purpose of the betterment of the judicial system and subject to the direction of the chief justice. *See In re Amends to Fla. Rule of Jud. Admin.*, No. SC20-1263 (Fla. September 10, 2020).

The Court invites all interested persons to comment on the amendment, which is reproduced in full online at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Opinions/Amendments-to-Approved-Rules>. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before November 24, 2020, with 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. 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.