

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES,
FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. *A-2010-39*

LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Judges, Magistrates, Hearing Officers, and other court employees, could be sued as a result of their employment with the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. In such instances where a judicial officer is sued in his or her official capacity or as a result of his or her employment with the Fifth Judicial Circuit, the judicial officer or employee shall forward suit papers to **the Fifth Judicial Circuit's General Counsel. General Counsel will forward the suit papers, along with a request for legal representation from the Office of the Attorney General, to:**

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Legal Affairs and Education Division
Florida Supreme Court Building
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1900
Telephone (850) 413-3122; Fax (850) 410-4301

2. **If monetary damages are sought, General Counsel will also send a written request for legal representation from the Office of the Attorney General, to:**

Division of Risk Management
Bureau of State Liability Claims
200 East Gaines Street, Room 439
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0300
Telephone (850) 413-3122; Fax (850) 488-6992

3. **At the request of a judge, magistrate or hearing officer, General Counsel will monitor the case.**

4th DONE and SIGNED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this
day of ~~October~~ *November* 2010.

Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.
DANIEL B. MERRITT, SR.,
Chief Judge

