

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY
FOR JUDGE THOMAS R. EINEMAN

ORDER REGARDING
COURTESY COPIES TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE
March 2014

WHEREAS, Hernando County continues to grow, and the number of cases filed and presented in the Court system continues to expand at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, numerous attorneys are now practicing before the Courts, many of who are either new to the practice of law or are new to the practice procedures local to Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, the number of attorneys practicing before the Courts of this county are expected to expand at an ever increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, as practices and procedures that were possible in years past may no longer be available; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Revision 7 of the Florida Constitution has drastically affected the means and abilities of various branches of government to perform activities that were previously performed; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Court's attention that some attorneys are filing time sensitive pleadings with the Clerk of the Court, and without sending a courtesy copy to the assigned judge; and

WHEREAS, such pleadings are not always provided to the assigned Judge through the normal intake process; and

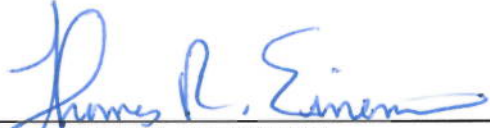
WHEREAS, the Court cannot be expected to be held responsible, or be held responsible for untimely rulings on such matters when the Court is not aware that any such time sensitive pleading has even been filed; and

WHEREAS, it is important to make clear the expectations of the Court and the responsibilities of litigants and counsel before the Courts of this County so as to insure a simple and effective means for making the Court aware that a time sensitive matter requiring the immediate attention of the Court has been filed; and being otherwise advised in the premises, it is upon consideration;

ORDERED that:

Whenever any attorney practicing before the Courts of Hernando County, or any pro se litigant, files any original pleading with the Clerk of the Court that anticipates an emergency or expeditious ruling by the Court, that the Judge assigned to such case shall, contemporaneously with the filing of the original pleading, receive a courtesy copy of the time sensitive pleading from the **ATTORNEY OF RECORD**, or from the **PRO SE LITIGANT**. That absent such practice being followed by those bringing cases before the Court, or unless other specific arrangements are explicitly made with the Clerk of the Court by the litigant or counsel, the Court cannot reasonably be expected to, nor can they practically and expeditiously rule on such matters not otherwise brought to their attention by a courtesy copy of the pleading being immediately filed with the judge assigned to such case.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Hernando County, Brooksville, Florida, on this 19th day of March, 2014.



THOMAS R. EINEMAN
CIRCUIT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by Courthouse Mail Delivery to: Clerk of the Court and The Hernando County Bar Association, on this 19th day of March, 2014.



MICHELLE CASSNER
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT