

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY  
FOR JUDGE DONALD E. SCAGLIONE

ORDER REGARDING  
COURTESY COPIES TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE  
August 14, 2015 (Amended from January 2014)

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

**WHEREAS** numerous attorneys are now practicing before the Courts, many of whom 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 with the Court expanding on E-filing and paperless Courts; and

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

**WHEREAS** such pleadings are not provided to the assigned Judge through the normal intake process (hand delivery to the clerk or E-filing through the clerk's E-Portal); and

**WHEREAS** the Courts cannot be expected to or be held responsible for not timely ruling on such matters when the Courts are not aware that any such pleadings (time sensitive or ordinary) has ever been filed; and

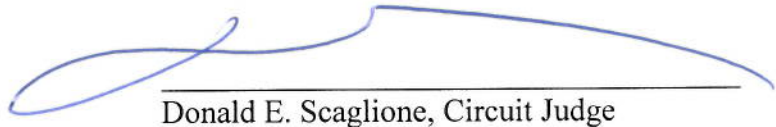
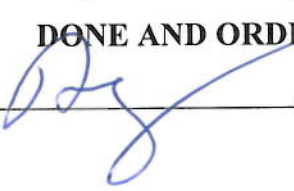
**WHEREAS** it is important to make clear the expectations of the Court and the responsibilities of litigants and counsel before the Courts of this County so as to insure a simple and effective means for making the Courts aware that a matter (time sensitive or ordinary) requiring the attention of the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

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** 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 (emergency in need of expeditious ruling by the Courts or ordinary/ normal intake pleading) that the Judge assigned to such case


**shall**, contemporaneously with the filing of the original pleading, receive a courtesy copy of the pleading from the **ATTORNEY OF RECORD**, or from the **PRO SE LITIGANT**. That absent such practice being followed by those bringing cases before the Courts, or unless other specific arrangements are explicitly made with the Clerk of the Court by the litigant or counsel, the Courts cannot reasonably be expected to, nor can they practically and expeditiously rule on any matter 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, Florida, this 19 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

  
Donald E. Scaglione, Circuit Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by Courthouse Mail Delivery to: State Attorney's Office; Public Defender's Office; Clerk of the Court and The Hernando County Bar Association; this 17 day of August, 2015.

  
Becky Haimés, Judicial Assistant