IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: A-2015-07-A (amended as to the name of the General Counsel)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DESIGNATING MEDIA POINT OF CONTACT

AND

DIRECTION FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

AND

RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 2011-42-A

WHEREAS, there is a need for the court to convey information and direction to the media:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and being more fully informed and advised in the premises, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The following individual has been designated as the media point of contact for each respective county within this Fifth Judicial Circuit:

JEFFREY K. FULLER, ESQ.,

Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main Street Tavares, FL 32778-7800 Ph.: (352) 742 4393 Fax: (352) 742 4370

- 2. The Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, as well as all Court Administration Staff may direct any, and all, media inquiries to the designated media point of contact.
- 3. The media point of contact shall forward any, and all, public records

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requests submitted pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 119 or Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.420, made by any individual, group, or entity, for legal sufficiency, review and response to:

Roy L. Wolgamuth, Esquire General Counsel, Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778-7800

- 4. The media point of contact will act as the liaison between the court and the media and is authorized to reasonably seek the advice, assistance, or expertise of any private or governmental entity in the administration of this order after consultation with and at the direction of the General Counsel.
- 5. This Order shall become effective immediately. Administrative Order Number 2011-42-A is hereby rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED in Chambers, in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, on this 3/4 day of August 2020.

Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. Chief Judge Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida