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AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE.

CASE NO.

PETITION OF THE FLORIDA BAR APPELLATE RULES COMMITTEE RE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE.

The Appellate Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, pursuant to procedures established by Rule of Judicial Administration 2.130(c), submits, as an attachment hereto, its report of proposed changes to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

During the preceding four years, the Appellate Rules Committee has considered the proposals for various rule changes by members of the Bar, including lawyers and judges. This report contains only the proposals which the Committee has acted on affirmatively. Numerous other matters have been considered and rejected. In accordance with Rule 2.130 of the Rules of Judicial Administration, the recommendations of the Committee were submitted to the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar on three different occasions. There has been no substantial dispute between the recommendations of the Committee and the positions of the Board of Governors. The specific votes of the Committee and the Board are indicated in the "Comment" column of the attached three-column presentation. Also included within the "Comment" column is a general discussion as to each proposed change and, where deemed appropriate, the proposed committee notes. This petition is submitted pursuant to the normal four-year cycle of rule changes. Other proposed changes made necessary by events outside the normal four-year cycle

are contained in a separate submission filed with this Court. The Appellate Rules Committee further wishes to advise that it is probable that certain rule changes will be necessitated by changes in other sets of rules. If certain changes occur in the civil and criminal rules, then corresponding changes will be made necessary in the Appellate Rules. To date, it has been impossible to anticipate precisely which changes will be made in other sets of rules, and it is, therefore, the request of the Appellate Rules Committee that consideration be given to further amendments as made necessary by the relationships of the various rules as they may be finally amended.

NOTIFICATION TO THE BAR

A summary of the attached proposals will be published in The Florida Bar News prior to oral argument. This notice will request that any comments be in writing and submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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