IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF SUMMARY PROCEDURE SID J. WHITE MAR 28 1984 CLERK, SUPREME COURT By______ Chief Deputy Clerk

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PETITION OF THE FLORIDA BAR SUMMARY PROCEDURE RULES COMMITTEE SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES OF SUMMARY PROCEDURE

The Summary Procedure Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, pursuant to the procedures established by Rule of Judicial Administration 2.130(c), submits as a separate volume its quadrennial report of proposed changes in the Florida Rules of Summary Procedure.

During the four years after the last quadrennial report of the Summary Procedure Rules Committee in 1980, the Committee has considered all proposals for rule changes which have been suggested to it by interested members of The Bar, judges, or lay persons or organizations. This report is the result of considered action by the Committee on each proposal, but includes only those proposals which the Committee determined to be meritorious. The vote of the Committee as to each change is shown in the "Reasons" column of the report.

In accordance with Rule 2.130, the Committee's report was submitted to The Florida Bar Board of Governors; the action of the Board of Governors on each proposed rule change, with the Board vote on each, is shown in the "Reasons" column of the report.

The Committee then reconsidered each rule change which the Board of Governors disapproved or modified; the subsequent action of the Committee is also shown, with its vote, in the "Reasons" column. The reasons given for the proposed rule change are not necessarily the Committee Notes which will be published with any rule change approved by the Court. The Committee Notes are not being submitted to the Court for its approval; but the Committee suggests that, should the Court deem it helpful to publish its comments on the rule change, it do so by "Court Notes or Court Comments". In most instances, however, the Committee Notes to a rule change will consist substantially of the language set forth as "Reasons".

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

This Committee requests oral argument on the proposed rule changes at a time convenient to the Court.

BRIEF

A Brief is appended to this Petition presenting the Committee's argument in favor of the one proposed change subject to controversy.

NOTICE TO THE BAR

The proposed rule changes or a summary will be published in The Florida Bar News before oral argument. The notice will request that any comments be in writing and submitted to the Court.

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