



The Sixth Judicial Circuit Of Florida

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J. WILLIAM LOCKHART
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The Honorable Joseph A. Boyd, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

I have reviewed the proposed amendment to Rule 1.100 RCP providing for a Civil Cover Sheet. I approve of the concept of this procedure but do not feel that it affords the trial courts sufficient authority to develop a complete case management system, or to identify certain types of information necessary to implement the proposed time standards. By way of example: the time standards require the court to identify civil jury cases, however, a separate demand for jury trial may be made, pursuant to Rule 1.430 (b) RCP, which will not be reflected in either cover sheet; the time standards require the court to monitor the time elapsed between the making of a motion for temporary support and disposition...the proposed Rule does not apply to motions. Although Rule 1.100 (b) requires a motion to contain a statement of the relief requested, without a specific heading a clerk's employee will be required to read and attempt to interpret each motion that is filed.

In addition, Pinellas County is developing an advanced automated case management system. To function properly this system must specifically identify pleadings, motions and orders beyond the framework of the time standards. It is my opinion that specific headings may not be required by administrative order. For that reason the Sixth Circuit has submitted to the court for approval a set of Local Rules, one of which addresses the pleading identification issue. I request that the Court consider a similar Rule of statewide application, perhaps on a local option basis for those circuits which desire to capture this type of information. If this is not possible then I urge the approval of the Local Rule proposed for this circuit.

Very Truly Yours,

[Signature of David F. Patterson]

David F. Patterson
Chief Judge

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