IN RE:

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCEDURE

> PETITION OF THE FLORIDA BAR WORKERS' COMPENSATION RULES COMMITTEE SUBMITTING PROPOSED CHANGES TO. RULES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROCEDURE

The Workers' Compensation 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 Workers' Compensation Procedure.

During the four years after the last quadrennial report of the Workers' Compensation Rules Committee in 1984, the Committee has, following its own rules of procedure, 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 Committee unanimously approved the rule changes and the proposed forms, which are not mandatory.

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 Board of Governors unanimously recommended the acceptance of the proposed rule changes and forms with the exception of: (1) 4.040 Computations of Time, (2) Sanctions.

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.

## 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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