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IN RE:

FLORIDA RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 9.800 (n), CITATIONS. CASE NO. 85,746

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COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 9.800 (n)

The following comment is respectfully submitted in connection with the proposed amendment to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.800 (n), pursuant to this honorable court's request for comments published in In re Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.800 (n), Citations, 20 Fla. L. Weekly S286 (Fla. June 22, 1995).

On its own motion, this honorable court promulgated a proposed change to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.800 (n) as follows:

(n) Other Citations. When referring to specific inaterial within a Florida court's opinion, pinpoint citation to the page of the Southern Reporter where that material occurs is optional, although preferred. All other citations shall be in the forin prescribed by the latest edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, The Harvard Law Review Association. Gannett House, Cambridge, Mass. 02138. Citations not covered in this rule or in The Bluebook shall be in the forin prescribed by the Florida Style Manual published by the Florida State University Law Review Tallahassee, Fla. 32306

The rule should encourage pinpoint citation whenever a multi-page source is cited, not merely when the citation is to a Florida court opinion published in the Southern Reporter. The universal use of pinpoint citation will assist a busy court in locating a citation quickly and efficiently, particularly when the material is contained in a source not frequently consulted by the court (e.g. a non-Florida unit of the National Reporter System or a treatise).

As pinpoint citation is optional under the rule, encouraging its use with respect to all multi-page sources that are cited will not impose any additional burden on ineinbers of the Bar.

Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.800 (n) should be amended to read as follows:

(n) Other Citations. When referring to specific material within a multi-pane source, pinpoint citation to the page where that material occurs is optional, although preferred. All other citations shall be in the form prescribed by the latest edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, The Harvard Law Review Association, Gannett House, Cambridge, Mass. 02138. Citations not covered in this rule or in The Bluebook shall be in the form prescribed by the Florida Style Manual published by the Florida State University Law Review, Tallahassee, Fla. 32306

I CERTIFY that a copy hereof was mailed to Mr. John F. Harkness, Executive Director,
The Florida Bar, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, this 26th day of June,
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