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February 26, 1996

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Sid White Clerk of the Court Supreme Court Building 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-I925

Re: Rule 2.072 Possession of Court Records

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Dear Sid:

Attached is a copy of our Administrative Order #88-3, in re checking out court files from the Clerk's office. We have been abiding by this administrative order since I988 and have not had any problems with missing files.

I would not support the proposed rule as it is stated. The Chief Judge for Nassau County is located in Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida. This would present a hardship to my office to have to receive an order each and every time a court file needed to be taken out of the office and delivered to the court. It would be more effective for the county if instead of the Chief Judge signing the order it could be the Administrative Judge or the Presiding Judge of the County. This would better benefit the Clerk's Office and the Attorney's of the County.

I would encourage you not to adopt this rule as it is proposed.

Sincerely,

T. J. "Jerry" Greeson Clerk of the Court Nassau County

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Enclosure

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IN THE CORFICIAL RECORDS THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU, DUVAL AND CLAY COUNTIES.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 88-3

In re: Checking out court files from Clerk's Office.

This Administrative Order amends Administrative Order dated May 18, 1983, recorded in Official Records Book 5651, at Page 1495, and Administrative Order No. 87-2 dated January 23, 1987, recorded in Official Records Book 6267, at Page 782.

This Administrative Order shall be effective throughout the entire Fourth Judicial Circuit.

It being necessary to protect official court files from tampering, theft or loss, it is

ORDERED:

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1. Court files may be checked out from the clerk's office by an attorney only for the purpose of taking the file directly to the judge.

2. Civil court files may be removed from the courthouse only upon written order of the judge presiding over the division to which the case is assigned, or in the absence of that judge, upon written order of another judge of like jurisdiction.

3. Employees and agents of the Plorida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services assigned to URESA and Child Support Enforcement may check out files from the clerk's office for the purpose of taking them to the respective judges when needed to sign orders or for hearing.

4. Investigators of the Department of Professional Regulation, upon proper identification, may check out court files for the purpose of making copies or portions thereof for its use, but shall not, in so doing, take apart any depositions.

5. No criminal, juvenile or probate file may be removed from the courthouse. In the event of an unusual circumstance necessitating an exception a written motion and order signed by the judge to whom the case is assigned or chief judge is

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necessary before such file may be removed.

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6. The clerk of the court shall report to the chief judge the names of any persons checking out files and not returned in compliance with this order.

ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 27 day of February, 1988.

JUDGE CHIE

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