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Mr. Sid J. White
Supreme Court Clerk
500 S. Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

RE: In Re: Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.072
Case No.: 87,058

Dear Mr. White,

I have reviewed the official notice in the Florida Bar News dated March 1, 1996 reference the proposed Rule of Judicial Administration 2.072. I would like to take this time to comment for whatever value the Supreme Court chooses to attach to my opinions.

Until I read this proposed Rule, I was not even aware that other circuits in the state do not allow attorneys to remove court files. In the Central Florida area, I routinely check out files in circuit and county court. The Clerk's offices are computerized and have always appeared to accurately keep track of which files have been removed by attorneys. While I am sure there must have been abuses in the past, these abuses have not been sufficient to cause the Clerk or Chief Judge to revoke this practice.

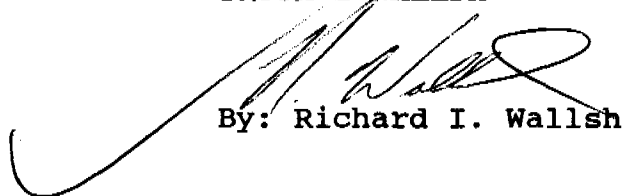
I believe the Court should consider that every day new rules and regulations are being passed which have increased the cost of practicing law and, therefore, have increased the cost to litigants. Allowing attorneys to check out court files reduces the cost. Files can be reviewed in leisure and copies could be made for less than the fee charged by the court clerks. Perhaps if Rule 2.072 is adopted, the Court should consider reducing the expense of copying court records or allowing attorneys to make copies utilizing the photocopying machines at the clerk's office.

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All in all, I have never met any attorney who perceived a problem with the possession of court records. It would appear to me to be the most prudent course for the Supreme Court to allow local circuits to adopt whatever policy it chooses regarding court records in order to meet local needs.

Yours truly,

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