

CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA COUNTIES OF BREVARD AND SEMINOLE

OLDER, BUPHANE COURT

JOHN DEAN MOXLEY, JR. CHIEF JUDGE

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Re: Proposed Rule Change

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With regard to the proposed change to Rule 2.050(c) of the Rules of Judicial Administration, my comment would be that majority rule on secret ballot is the republican way to approach selection of a chief judge. Judges are mature responsible citizens. They should be able to demonstrate their choice in a secret ballot. To disenfranchise the judges of each circuit is really vote a note of confidence for the ability of judges to exercise their free will for the best choice. If the cannot do that, why are they judges?

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DEAN MOX Chief Judge

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