

June 7, 2000

Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Thomas D. Hall
Clerk of the Court
Florida Supreme Court
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1926

**Re: Correction to Comments of Governor Jeb Bush Regarding
Proposed Amendments to Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure
3.851, 3.852 and 3.993**

Dear Mr. Hall:

In a letter submitted to this Court on June 1, 2000, the undersigned counsel made reference on pages five and six to several cases for which oral argument had not been scheduled in apparent derogation of Court policy. Those references were made in good faith based upon information supplied by the Attorney General's Office.

We have since been notified that oral argument has been scheduled and held in each of these cases, although it appears no decision has been rendered in three of the cases within the 180-day time limit established by Rule 2.085(d)(2), Fla. R. Jud. Admin. We sincerely regret the error, and write to clarify the record before the Court.

The error does not, however, detract in any way from the central claim of the June 1, 2000 letter – namely, that the Proposed Amendments will not meaningfully reduce delay in capital cases, and should be rejected as having no definitive time limits, no accountability and no enforcement mechanism.

Sincerely,

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