IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE CASE NO. SC08-1141 FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE – MANAGEMENT OF CASES INVOLVING COMPLEX LITIGATION

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGE BY KAREN E. RUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER, SARASOTA COUNTY

Irene G. Plank, a member in good standing of the Florida Bar, on behalf of Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller, Sarasota County, Florida, submits the following comments regarding proposed amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure:

- 1. Changes to Summary Reporting System reporting categories on the proposed civil cover sheet will require internal set up changes and implementation time to work with vendor(s) to make programming changes.
- 2. In the event the Summary Reporting System reporting categories do not change, then the Clerk would need direction as to how to report mismatched categories.
- 3. The elimination of a civil cover sheet for Family cases may require additional review time on the part of the Clerk, unless the Summary Reporting System is amended to eliminate the separate reporting categories for Family (simplified dissolution, dissolution, support IV-D, etc.).

I hereby certify that a copy of the above was served on The Honorable

Thomas H. Bateman, III, Taskforce Chairman, Leon County Courthouse, Room

365C, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1861, on September 12,

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