

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO  
FLORIDA RULE OF JUVENILE  
PROCEDURE 8.255**

**CASE NO.: SC10-2010**

**RESPONSE OF THE JUVENILE COURT  
RULES COMMITTEE TO COMMENTS**

William W. Booth, Chair, Juvenile Court Rules Committee, and John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, file this response to comments filed in this case by the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and the University of Miami School of Law Children & Youth Law Clinic, Florida's Children First, Florida Youth Shine, and the Legal Aid Service of Broward County. This response was approved by the Committee by a vote of 23-2-1.

The Juvenile Court Rules Committee (Committee) filed this out-of-cycle report to amend *Fla. R. Juv. P.* 8.255 on October 21, 2010. Subsequently, notice of the proposed change was published in the December 1, 2010, *Florida Bar News*. Two comments were received.

On January 18, 2011, the Committee filed a motion for extension of time to respond with the Court.

The Committee has considered all information contained within the comments filed concerning the amendments to *Rule* 8.255. The rule before this Court in the form submitted by the Committee remains the rule we request that this

Court approve. The Committee believes it provides a balanced approach to the hearing attendance issue between the subject children, the Department of Children and Families, and the courts.

The Committee respectfully requests that the Court amend *Rule 8.255* as previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_.

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