IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, THE FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, THE FLORIDA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, THE FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS, THE FLORIDA PROBATE RULES, THE FLORIDA RULES OF TRAFFIC COURT, THE FLORIDA RULES OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE, THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, AND THE FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE – COMPUTATION OF TIME

REPORT FROM THE SMALL CLAIMS RULES COMMITTEE

CASE NO.: SC10-2299

Judson L. Cohen, Chair, Small Claims Rules Committee, and John F.

Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, file this report in response to the Court's October 13, 2011 order. Specifically, the court directed:

Although the Small Claims Rules Committee did not propose any amendments in response to the Court's request, it appears that no changes are necessary because Small Claims Rule 7.020(a) applies the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure that are revised as attached. The Small Claims Rules Committee is directed to comment and to propose any conforming amendments to the Small Claims Rules, which should be included in the joint response.

At the Court's direction, the Small Claims Rules Committee Chair reviewed the Small Claims rules to determine whether an amendment was necessary. After input from the full committee, it is recognized that Rule 7.020(a), as it is currently written, sufficiently addresses the computation of time concern and no rule amendments are necessary.

Respectfully submitted on this 10th day of November, 2011.

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