

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA
RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
1.720**

CASE NO.: SC10-2329

COMMENTS OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES COMMITTEE

Donald E. Christopher, Chair, Civil Procedure Rules Committee, and John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, file these comments on the amendments to *Fla. R. Civ. P.* 1.720 being proposed in this case.

In July 2010, the Committee was contacted by the Honorable William D. Palmer, Chair, Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy. Judge Palmer sought the CPRC's comments on proposed amendments to *Rule* 1.720. The matter was assigned to a subcommittee for study and recommendations. At the September 22, 2010, Civil Procedure Rules Committee meeting, the Committee voted 18-13 to support the amendments as proposed. The Committee considered the amendments again at its January 21, 2011 meeting, after the proposal had been filed with the Court, and reaffirmed its previous position. The Civil Procedure Rules Committee supports the proposed amendments without specific comment.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2011.

Respectfully submitted _____.

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I certify that a copy of these comments were provided to Hon. William D. Palmer, 300 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 by U.S. Mail on February 18, 2011.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this report was prepared in accordance with the font requirements of *Fla. R. App. P. 9.210(a)(2)*.

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