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Cc: Misra, Jill A; Johnroe, Steve G
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

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Stelma, Joe

From: Stelma, Joe
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 9:19 AM
To: Norris, Elizabeth
Cc: Moran, Donald R.
Subject: FW: Status of Reports

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From: P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flicourts.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Pappas, Sara
Cc: Sourbeer, Jeff; Paruolo, Vincent; Stelma, Joe
Subject: RE: Status of Reports

That's good news Sara,

Since we haven't spoken before, let me give you some background on the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative and what the OSCA needs from you. Please skip the parts you've heard before.

The initiative was funded by the Legislature for one year to provide both the courts and the clerks with the goal of reducing the backlog of foreclosure cases in the state. Basically, that means getting the properties through the courts and out to sale. Each circuit was given some portion of the funds to hire additional resources to handle foreclosure cases. Each circuit has a particular goal as to the number of cases to clear with these resources.

The courts have their thing to do to resolve a foreclosure and then the clerks of court do their thing to bring the property to sale. The actions the court and the clerk take are very different which means that each group need very different information. So different, in fact, that there are actually two separate case tracking efforts in place as part of this initiative. The clerks have established their own tracking system to report properties moving to sale and the court has developed its own tracking system.

The FERCTS workbooks (the excel spreadsheets) that I sent to Libby the day before yesterday are the courts case tracking system for this initiative. As foreclosure cases move through the system, we expect that initiative staff will update these workbooks as to what is happening with the cases. This will allow us to track the number of cases disposed and some additional info about the foreclosure process. Naturally, the courts have to provide the Legislature with a report at the end of July next year detailing how well we spent the initiative money. The data we

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gather from the FERCTS workbooks will help us do that.

We wrote the application so that it has a built in user interface that will help you update the case information. However, the tracking application is also an Excel spreadsheet so you can also exit the user interface and work on the spreadsheet directly. Some people have found that most helpful particularly when adding a lot of cases.

The Trial Court Budget Commission decided to give the individual circuit Chief Judges and Trial Court Administrators a lot of freedom in how to achieve the goals of the initiative. Unfortunately, that makes it difficult for me to provide you with specific guidance since each circuit is doing things differently and I don't know how the fourth circuit is handling foreclosure cases.

We loaded the FERCTS workbooks with an initial case list that was provided by each clerk of court. It is a list of all cases that were either open or had been reopened as of June 30, 2010. By the 10th of each month, the initiative will need to send an updated copy of each counties FERCTS workbook to the OSCA (FERCTS@flcourts.org) showing the activity on the initiatives foreclosure cases for the previous month. That would include new cases added, old cases that were disposed, disposed cases that were reopened, and reopened cases that were closed.

We are also trying to track the status of each case i.e. whether a case is being actively worked on by the court, whether the case has been stayed or is inactive and the reason why. Essentially, we are trying to determine the reason why, if a case requires court action to resolve, the court is not taking action.

Well, I hope this info helps. Please don't hesitate to call me if you or any of the staff have questions concerning the initiative in general or the FERCTS workbooks in particular.

Thanks
PJ

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From: Pappas, Sara [<mailto:SaraP@coj.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 11:43 AM
To: P.J. Stockdale
Cc: Jeff Sourbeer; Paruolo, Vincent; Joseph Stelma, Jr.
Subject: Status of Reports

Dear Mr. Stockdale,

We met with the Duval Clerk today regarding the submission of July and August's data. The Duval Clerk is going to provide us with the correct information on cases open and closed for the

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report. Is one file sufficient, or do you need it by month? Also, the Duval Clerk receives cases that are closed before it gets to the Court. Do these cases need to be reported in the same spreadsheet? Lastly, still trying to contact Clay and Nassau Clerks to get the same information on forfeitures. Is it a problem with the submission with some of September's data? Due to the Duval Clerk maintaining the Forfeiture data with other cases we are going to attempt to have the Clerk provide the statistics each month for reporting purposes because the final disposition is coming from the Clerk and is not being reported to the Court. Please let us know your response as soon as possible in the reporting of the data in the spreadsheet.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.
Sara Pappas

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Stelma, Joe

From: Stelma, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 7:30 AM
To: A. C. Soud, Jr.
Subject: Re: ECONRECOV: Submission of FERCTS Workbooks for Sep 10, 2010

Do not worry. We are on it.

On Sep 14, 2010, at 7:10 AM, "A. C. Soud, Jr." <acsoudjr@comcast.net> wrote:

I'm having to Clay County for a meeting on foreclosures this morning with Judge Buttner and Clerk Jimmy Jett. Will call on my way back.

AC

From: Stelma, Joe [<mailto:Jstelma@coj.net>]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 3:58 PM
To: acsoudjr@comcast.net
Cc: Talley, Alana; Pappas, Sara
Subject: FW: ECONRECOV: Submission of FERCTS Workbooks for Sep 10, 2010

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From: P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Sondra Lanier; Stelma, Joe; Mark Weinberg; Matthew Benefiel; Nick Sudzina; Carol Ortman; Mark Van Bever; Thomas Genung
Cc: Kristine Slayden
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From: Stelma, Joe
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 4:12 PM
To: Johnroe, Steve G
Subject: FW: ECONRECOV: Submission of FERCTS Workbooks for Sep 10, 2010

Please see below and send me all information that you will be sending OSCA that should have been submitted on September 10th to PJ. I will be needing ALL information since July for a conference call that i have on Monday regarding the foreclosures.

thanks

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From: Stelma, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 1:41 PM
To: Norris, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

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From: P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@fcourts.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 1:36 PM
To: Misra, Jill A; Mascullino, Joseph G
Cc: Stelma, Joe
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

Jill,

My apologies. I had thought I included these 80 cases in the original file I sent to 4th circuit court administration when Joe sent them to me on 7/9. That turns out not to be the case. I have contacted the 4th circuit to arrange to add these records to their data base.

Thank you for bringing this oversight to my attention.

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From: Misra, Jill A [mailto:Jill.Misra@DuvalClerk.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Mascullino, Joseph G; P.J. Stockdale
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

These are the resubmitted error cases. Add these to the first file.

From: Mascullino, Joseph G
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 3:35 PM
To: P.J. Stockdale; Misra, Jill A
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

Good Afternoon PJ, after reviewing our 93 cases, we would like to resubmit these 80 to be included. Please let me know if there are any problems or questions.

From: P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@fcourts.org]
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 9:40 AM
To: Mascullino, Joseph G; Misra, Jill A
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

Thank you for your submission to the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative. We have validated your submission with the following results

Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Case Data File Review
Run Date: 7/9/2010

File name: 16Duval_Duval_Foreclosures_OSCA_07-08-2010_20100708_1901.txt
Number of candidate records: 14384
Number of header lines: 0
Number invalid records: 93
Number of valid records: 14291
Number excluded records: 0
Number of records used: 14291

You may correct and resubmit these 93 records if you want them included in the program. I've attached a list of the records that failed initial validation. A reason for fail is listed at the end of each line (data line::reason)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you
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From: Masculino, Joseph G [mailto:Joseph.Masculino@DuvalClerk.com]
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 7:01 AM
To: Misra, Jill A
Cc: P.J. Stockdale
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative Case Data List (DUVAL)

JP, at your convenience, please disregard the first file I sent. I have removed our Casenumber and an extra SRS Disposition column from the previous version. Here is an updated, end of business day data file for 07/08/2010

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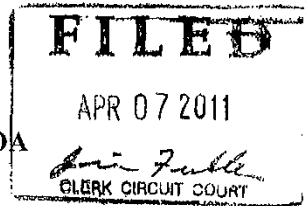
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR DUVAL, CLAY AND NASSAU COUNTIES, FLORIDA

FIRST AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 92-02



IN RE: MEDIA & TECHNOLOGICAL COVERAGE OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, certain standards for the technological coverage of judicial proceedings have been set forth by the Supreme Court of Florida in the Rules of Judicial Administration 2.450(a)-(h), which require a revision of the original Administrative Order 92-02, entered in January, 1992;

WHEREAS, “the unhindered and untrammelled functioning of our courts is part of the very foundation of our constitutional democracy,” Cox v. Louisiana, 379 U.S. 559, 562, 85 S.Ct. 476, 13 L.Ed.2d 487 (1965); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has stated that “[c]ourts have the inherent power ‘to preserve order and decorum in the courtroom, to protect the rights of the parties and witnesses and generally to further the administration of justice.’” Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Lewis, 426 So.2d 1, 3 (Fla. 1982).

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED that the following policies and procedures will be set forth in this Circuit:

Duval County Courthouse Media Center - Arrangements

1) The Trial Court Administrator in Duval County shall designate an area to serve as a Media Center. The Media Center will be open during regular business hours and for extended hours when the court proceedings that are being covered are in session. The Media Center will be available to all media representatives with valid press credentials.

2) The Media Center will accommodate monitors and other equipment provided by the media to permit coverage of proceedings by media representatives who are unable to obtain seating in the courtroom. The Center will also serve as the location for interviews and the release of duplicate copies of exhibits and other Court documents.

3) The presiding Judge, in consultation with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office Courthouse Security Manager or his designee, shall designate a specified number and location of seats in the public area of the courtroom for the following groups: (a) the parties’ associates and Court

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Sound and Light Criteria

1) Only television photographic and audio equipment that does not produce distracting sound or light shall be used to cover judicial proceedings. No artificial lighting device of any kind shall be used in connection with the television camera.

2) Only still camera equipment that does not produce distracting sound or light shall be used to cover judicial proceedings. No artificial lighting device of any kind shall be used in connection with a still camera.

3) It shall be the affirmative duty of media personnel to demonstrate to the presiding judge at least two (2) business days in advance of any proceeding that the equipment sought to be used meets the sound and light criteria. A failure to obtain advance judicial approval shall preclude its use.

Location of Equipment Personnel

1) Television camera equipment shall be positioned in such location in the court facility as shall be designated by (a) the Chief Judge, in consultation with the Trial Court Administrator and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Courthouse Security Manager or their designee in Duval County or (b) the Administrative Judge in Clay and Nassau Counties in accordance with paragraph 1 under the "General Terms" on page 4 herein. The area designated shall provide reasonable access to coverage. If and when areas remote from the court facility that permit reasonable access to coverage are provided, all television cameras and audio equipment shall be positioned only in such areas. Videotape recording equipment that is not a component part of a television camera shall be located in an area remote from the court facility.

2) A still camera photographer shall position himself or herself in such location in the court facility as shall be designated by (a) the Chief Judge, in consultation with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Courthouse Security Manager or his designee in Duval County or (b) the Administrative Judge in Clay and Nassau Counties in accordance with paragraph 1 under the "General Terms" on page 4 herein. Once established in a shooting position, still camera photographers shall assume a fixed position, shall act so as not to call attention to themselves, and shall not be permitted to move about in order to obtain photographs of court proceedings.

3) Broadcast media representatives shall not move about the court facility while proceedings are in session, and microphones or taping equipment, once positioned, shall not be moved during the pendency of the proceedings.

Movement During Proceedings

1) News media photographic or audio equipment shall not be placed in or removed from the court facility except before commencement or after adjournment of proceedings each day, or during a recess.

2) Television film magazines, still camera film, and lenses shall not be changed within a court facility except during a recess in the proceeding.

Courtroom Light Sources

With the concurrence of (a) the Chief Judge, in consultation with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Courthouse Security Manager or his designee in Duval County or (b) the Administrative Judge in Clay and Nassau Counties in accordance with paragraph 1 under the "General Terms" on page 4 herein, modifications and additions may be made in light sources existing in the facility, provided such modifications or additions are installed and maintained without public expense.

Protecting Confidentiality and Privileged Communication

1) To protect the attorney-client privilege and the effective right to counsel, there shall be no audio pickup or broadcast of conferences that occur in a court facility between attorneys and their clients, between co-counsel of a client, or between counsel and the presiding judge held at the bench.

2) Jurors shall not be photographed and their identity shall not be revealed to the public in any way, at any time, nor by any means whatsoever.

General Terms

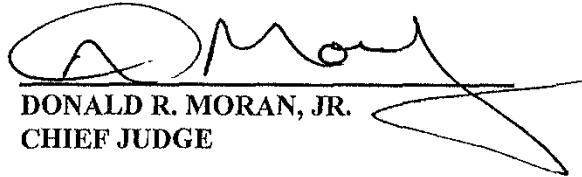
1) Should any questions be raised in Clay or Nassau Counties, they may be determined by the Administrative Judges of those Counties, in the same way that they are authorized to be resolved by the Chief Judge and Trial Court Administrator through this Administrative Order, in the Duval County Courthouse.

2) The original Administrative Order 92-02 previously entered on this same subject matter is hereby vacated and superseded by this Order.

3) This Amended Administrative Order 92-02 shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval County, in the State of Florida, and shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect unless and until otherwise ordered by this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 7 day of

April, 2011.


DONALD R. MORAN, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
Senior Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
The Honorable Robert M. Foster, Administrative Judge, Nassau County
The Honorable John H. Skinner, Administrative Judge, Clay County
All Magistrates in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
The Honorable Matthew A. Shirk, Esq., Public Defender
The Honorable Angela B. Corey, Esq., State Attorney
The Honorable Jim Fuller, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County
The Honorable James B. Jett, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County
The Honorable John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Nassau County
The Honorable Cindy A. Laquidara, Esq., General Counsel
Lt. Steve Weintraub, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security Manager
Sgt. Steve Foster, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DUVAL COUNTY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears on record and file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Duval County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and seal of Clerk of Circuit Court at Jacksonville, Florida, this the 8 day of April A.D. 2011.

JIM FULLER

Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
Duval County, Florida.

By V. Bell
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH
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COUNTIES

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-1-CA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 92-2

IN RE: PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL INTEREST/HIGH PROFILE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, "the unhindered and untrammelled functioning of our courts is part of the very foundation of our constitutional democracy," Cox v. Louisiana, 379 U.S. 559, 562, 85 S.Ct. 476, 13 L.Ed.2d 487 (1965); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has stated that "[c]ourts have the inherent power 'to preserve order and decorum in the courtroom, to protect the rights of the parties and witnesses and generally to further the administration of justice,'" Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Lewis, 426 So.2d 1, 3 (Fla. 1982); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Supreme Court has promulgated "Standards of Conduct and Technology Governing Electronic Media and Still Photography Coverage of Judicial Proceedings," see Canon 3A(7), Florida Code of Judicial Conduct; In re Petition of Post-Newsweek Stations, Florida, Inc., 370 So.2d 764 (Fla. 1979); and

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida has adopted procedures which protect the rights of every litigant to a fair and orderly trial during high profile proceedings while preserving this state's commitment to open government and a free press;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:

OFFICIAL RECORDS

1. At the request of the chief judge or trial judge assigned to preside over high profile proceedings, the court administrator, with any public or private assistance, shall develop a plan to implement the procedures of this order and make copies of the plan available to the public.

COURT PRESS OFFICER

2. The court administrator shall appoint a member of the court's administrative staff to serve as the court's press officer. The court press officer shall serve as the director of the media center, act as a liaison between the court and the media, and issue credentials to bona fide media members who present a photo-identification card or other satisfactory identification.

MEDIA COMMITTEE

3. Upon proper notice of a high profile trial, the court press officer shall convene a meeting of interested media representatives to establish a three member media committee, which shall include one member each from the video, audio, and print media.

4. The media committee's main responsibility shall be to designate pool coverage for judicial proceedings. This will require the designation of a pool television cameraman and a still photographer for coverage inside the courtroom and another pool television cameraman and still photographer for coverage outside the courtroom.

5. The media committee will also be responsible for fairly and equitably allocating the limited courtroom seating reserved for media representatives, permitting the broadest access possible.

This allocation shall be made on a daily basis and reported to the court's press officer, who shall issue identification to those entitled to reserved seating.

6. The media committee shall also work with the court and city to accommodate the special needs of the media regarding information dissemination, parking, facilities, and equipment.

MEDIA CENTER

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8. The media center will accommodate monitors and other equipment provided by the media to permit coverage of proceedings by media representatives who are unable to obtain seating in the courtroom. The center will also serve as the location for interviews and the release of duplicate copies of exhibits and other court documents.

COURTROOM ADMITTANCE

9. The trial judge shall designate a specified location in the courtroom for the pool television cameraman and still photographer. These persons shall comply strictly with the Supreme Court's "Standards of Conduct and Technology Governing Electronic Media and Still Photography Coverage of Judicial Proceedings."

10. The trial judge shall designate a specific location outside the courtroom for a pool television cameraman and a pool still photographer. No other television cameras, still cameras, or

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other broadcasting or recording equipment will be permitted in the courthouse with the exception of media covering other judicial proceedings and equipment located in the Media Center.

11. The trial judge shall designate a specified number of seats in the public area of the courtroom for the following groups: (a) the parties' associates and court designees, (b) media representatives, and (c) the general public.

12. Category (a) will be regulated by the trial court's bailiff. Category (b) will be allocated by the media committee. Admission to the general public section will require presentation of a pass issued on a first-come-first-admitted basis. The pass shall be valid for one session only. With the exception of court-ordered recesses during a regular session, an observer must surrender the pass on leaving the courtroom.

13. By arrangement with the court's press officer, the courtroom will be made available to the media before the proceeding for installation of necessary equipment and cables. Cables must be located so as not to constitute a safety hazard.

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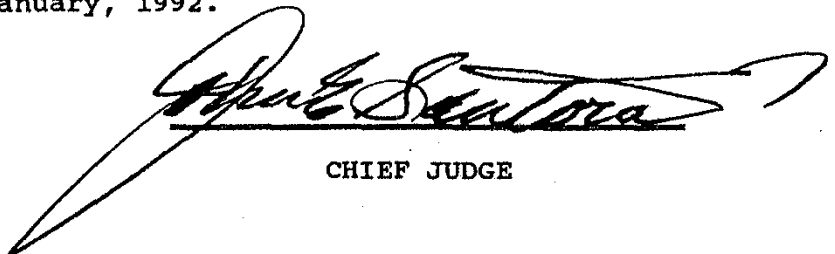
14. The court administrator shall devise a system that allows media representatives to communicate their complaints and suggestions to the court. It is the responsibility of the court's press officer and the court administrator to report periodically to the chief judge to inform him of any problems with the procedures set forth.

15. The chief judge, upon conferring with the court

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administrator, court's press officer and media committee, may issue supplementary orders as deemed necessary.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 9th day of January, 1992.



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