Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC20-22

IN RE: EXTENSION OF JUDICIAL ELECTRONIC FILING REPORTING DEADLINE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the Florida State Court System continues to monitor and take measures to address the effects on court operations of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, and the Surgeon General and State Health Officer has declared a public health emergency exists; and

WHEREAS *In re: Judicial Electronic Filing,* Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC19-74 (Nov. 1, 2019), requires chief judges of the trial courts to notify the Florida Courts Technology Commission when each county within their respective circuit has fully implemented judicial e-filing in accordance with that administrative order and, if a trial court is not able to fully implement judicial e-filing in every county in that circuit within six months of the date of issuance of

that order, to report that information to the Florida Courts Technology Commission; and

WHEREAS the trial courts have worked diligently to implement judicial e-filing, and chief judges have informally reported on their progress at quarterly chief judges meetings; and

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, swift implementation of remote court hearings is a priority for the Florida State Court System and oversight thereof may make it difficult for chief judges to report on the status of judicial electronic filing by the May 1, 2020, deadline;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by article V, section 2(b), of the Florida Constitution, and Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.205(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 2.205(a)(2)(B)(v),

IT IS ORDERED that the deadline for chief judges to report their circuit's progress on implementation of judicial electronic filing to the Florida Courts Technology Commission is hereby extended to August 1, 2020. Chief judges shall continue to report on a biannual basis thereafter until every county within the circuit has fully implemented judicial e-filing.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 1, 2020.

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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

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ATTEST:

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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