Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC20-14
Amendment 1[1]

IN RE: PERSONAL TRAVEL BY STATE COURTS SYSTEM JUDGES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the Florida State Courts System continues to monitor and proactively 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 Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, the Surgeon General and State Health Officer has declared a public health emergency exists, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the

1. This administrative order is issued to remove the references to "area of the United States experiencing community spread of COVID-19 as identified by the CDC or a state public health agency," because at the time this order is signed the CDC website indicates widespread ongoing transmission across the United States. Please note, however, the CDC continues to recommend staying at home as much as possible, especially if the trip is not essential, the traveler is at higher risk of severe illness, or if the traveler is sick or plans to travel with someone who is sick. See https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html.

Florida Department of Health, and the Florida Department of Management Services have published after-travel health precaution information; and

WHEREAS the health, safety, and well-being of courthouse visitors, court employees, and judicial officers are a high priority for the Florida State Courts System;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by article V, section 2(b), of the Florida Constitution as the chief administrative officer of the judicial system,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. All judges, officers, and employees who will personally travel internationally or on a cruise must notify their chief judge or designee in advance of such travel.

2. All judges, officers, and employees who personally travel internationally or on a cruise will not be allowed to return to work for 14 days upon returning home. To the extent judges can perform their duties remotely, they must do so. Employees will need to utilize their available sick, annual, or compensatory leave during this 14-day period, or consult with their supervisor and their court's telework policy about options for working remotely. Court employees without available leave and who are unable to work remotely may be subject

to leave without pay. If no symptoms occur within the 14-day time period, judges and employees may return to work, subject to any additional requirements that may be imposed by the CDC, a state health public health agency, the Chief Justice, or the chief judge, as a result of the state of emergency.

These provisions are effective upon signing of this administrative order. This rapidly-evolving situation will be monitored closely on an ongoing basis, and additional orders will be issued as necessary.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on May 14, 2020.

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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

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John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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