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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 94-15

IN RE: ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF DEPOSITIONS

WHEREAS, Rule 2.070 (d), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, permits the judges of the circuit to authorize that the testimony at a deposition be recorded by other than stenographic means for use in any court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the judges in the Second Judicial Circuit agreed with this order as to form and content; and

WHEREAS, the workload of the official court reporters in the Second Judicial Circuit increased significantly while the number of court reporters remained the same, thus necessitating a need for greater utilization of technology to improve the court reporter operation. It is therefore,

ORDERED THAT:

(A) Use of electronic recording equipment in the taking of non-capital depositions in the Second Judicial Circuit is hereby authorized.

(B) Depositions shall be conducted and transcribed consistent with the following guidelines:

1. Electronic equipment shall be of such quality to ensure the production of a reliable transcript.

2. All testimony shall be under oath before a notary or a person authorized to administer oaths.

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3. Two independent recordings shall be made on each deposition. One copy of the tape shall be retained in the offices of the official court reporter. The other copy shall be duplicated and copies given to the defense attorney and prosecutor who attended the deposition.

4. Transcripts of depositions shall only be prepared on an order by the presiding judge.

5. Disputes as to the content of the transcribed deposition shall be submitted to and resolved by the court.

6. Filed depositions shall conform in all respects to transcript specifications prescribed in Rule 2.070 (f) Florida Rules of Judicial Administration.

(C) Provisions shall be made by the sheriff's of each county in the Second Judicial Circuit to permit defendants in custody to listen to electronic recordings of a deposition.

(D) This order shall become effective January 3, 1995.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 7 of December, 1994.

PHILIP J. PADOVANO
CHIEF JUDGE

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