

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2006-027 PA-CIR

RE: COURT REPORTING PLAN – AMENDMENT FOUR

In order to amend the Court Reporting Plan to implement changes to court reporting procedures in civil matters at the West Pasco Judicial Center, it is

ORDERED:

Paragraph A.2 of Administrative Order 2004-018 PA/PI-CIR is hereby amended as follows:

A. 2. West Pasco County

Currently, contract court reporters furnish court reporting services for all in-court proceedings before judicial officers in West Pasco County. They shall continue to do so until such time as the following changes become effective:

Civil - Effective May 15, 2006, parties in civil proceedings may use any certified court reporter except that all proceedings in which the court is required to provide a record, including but not limited to proceedings pursuant to section 394.910 et seq., Florida Statutes, shall continue to be recorded by a contract court reporter.

Family - Effective May 15, 2006, parties in family law proceedings may use any certified court reporter except that all proceedings in which the court is required to provide a record, including but not limited to domestic violence proceedings pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes, and repeat, dating and sexual violence proceedings pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes, shall continue to be recorded by a contract court reporter.

Probate - Effective May 15, 2006, parties in probate proceedings may use any certified court reporter except that all proceedings in which the court is required to provide a record, including but not limited to guardianship proceedings pursuant to chapter 744, Florida Statutes, shall continue to be recorded by a contract court reporter.

Contract court reporters shall also continue to record all proceedings governed by the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, criminal felony proceedings, criminal misdemeanor proceedings, and criminal traffic proceedings. Nothing in this order precludes the contract court reporters from accepting private appointments, including, but not limited to, recording civil, family, and probate cases.

Effective May 15, 2006, if a party to a proceeding at the West Pasco Judicial Center wishes to make a record of a proceeding for which the court is not required to provide a record as specified above, it is the responsibility of the party or the party's attorney to secure the services of a certified court reporter.

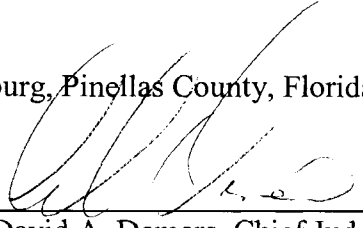
All notices of hearings for proceedings for which the court does not provide a record must specify whether the party setting a matter for hearing will be securing the services of a court reporter. All costs associated with the court reporter's appearance will be the responsibility of the party requesting the court reporter. This does not preclude the taxation of costs as authorized by law. See Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.070(b).

Only certified court reporters approved by the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Administrative Office of the Courts may be used. In order to be approved, a court reporter must either hold a current certification as a Registered Professional Reporter or other higher-level certification from the National Court Reporter's Association or be approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts based upon training and experience. A list of certified court reporters is posted and updated on the Circuit's website at www.jud6.org. If a court reporter arrives to report a particular proceeding but is not an approved court reporter for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the judge may, after inquiry to determine the qualifications of the reporter, authorize the individual reporter to report the specific proceeding.

Effective May 15, 2006, Administrative Order 2004-030 PA/PI-CIR is modified so that the rates established in that order only apply to transcripts of proceedings where the court is required to provide a record.

All other terms and conditions of Administrative Orders 2004-018 PA/PI-CIR, 2004-030 PA/PI-CIR, 2004-099 PA/PI-CIR, 2005-038 PA/PI-CIR, and 2005-068 PA/PI-CIR shall remain in full force and effect.

187 **DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this day of April, 2006.



David A. Demers, Chief Judge

cc: All Pasco Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Robert H. Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Jed Pittman, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
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