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Leslie B. Rothenberg, Chief Judge Third District Court of Appeal 2001 S.W. 117th Avenue Miami, FL 33175

Re: Request for Public Record Information

## Your Honor:

Pursuant to Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, and Rule 2.420 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following public records:

- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort establishing a panel for Case No. 3D15-1437.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort establishing a panel for Case No. 3D15-2330.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding any changes to the panel for Case No. 3D15-1437.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the order consolidating Case No. 3D15-2330 into Case No. 3D15-1437, and resetting the date or time for oral argument.
- All memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the dissemination of information as to the composition of the panel for Case No. 3D15-1437.

- All memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the dissemination of information as to the composition of the panel for Case No. 3D15-2330, whether disseminated only to the panel judges, some judges of the court, all judges of the court, or the public.
- All memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the dissemination of information as to any changes in the composition of the panel for Case No. 3D15-1437.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort establishing a panel for Case No. 3D17-0001.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding any changes to the panel for Case No. 3D17-0001.
- All administrative orders, directives, memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the order in Case No. 3D17-0001 resetting the date or time for oral argument.
- All memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the dissemination of information as to the composition of the originally assigned panel for Case No. 3D17-0001, whether disseminated only to the panel judges, some judges of the court, all judges of the court, or the public.
- All memorandum, notes, letters, requests, judges' assignment records, or communiques of any sort regarding the dissemination of information as to any changes in the composition of the panel for Case No. 3D17-0001.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information I seek is not primarily in my commercial interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the court, making the disclosure a matter of public interest. Furthermore, I suspect that must of these documents are in the form of electronic media, or can be readily scanned into electronic form, and accordingly would accept electronic production of the documents to my email address thus considerably mitigating costs to the court. In fact, transmittal by electronic media via email is preferable.

Should you deny my request, or any part of the request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, including the exact constitutional citation, rule citation, case citation, or statutory citation you believe authorizes the denial.

If records within your control, as custodian of the requested records as asserted by "the Court," are

not presently in your physical possession but later received from others in order to comply with this request, please state the persons or entities from whom the particular record was received.

If you know or suspect that records responsive to this request are in the hands of others, and you have not obtained those records, especially those records that would fall within your control as the records custodian as asserted by "the Court," please state the persons or entities that have or might have possession of those particular records.

Although this request is being made after the dismissal of Case No. 3D18-0419, a petition for mandamus naming the Clerk of the Court as respondent from whom production of these documents had been requested, it is not to be deemed in any manner a waiver of remaining rights, if any, to proceed further with that petition. This request is not to be deemed an admission that the court was correct to dismiss the petition in 3D18-0419. This is not to be deemed an agreement or acceptance of any term proposed or stated by the court in 3D18-0419. The dismissal order in 3D18-0419 stated the dismissal was without prejudice to making this request to you as the designated records custodian of what "the Court" deems "administrative records." However, I do not act upon that as a grant of authority, as I believe this request necessarily survives the dismissal of 3D18-0419 as a matter of right.

I will contact your office within one week to discuss when I may expect fulfillment of my request, and arrange payment of any statutorily prescribed fees. If you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly,

Rex E. Russo

cc: John A. Tomasino

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