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Notes from Friday's Meeting

Good morning Judges,

Following are some of the issues discussed at the Judges' Meeting on Friday, March 12, 2010.

- Judge Fina expects to enter an administrative order related to Foreclosure Mediations within approximately a week. The issue has been discussed on Chief Judges' calls, and the circuits were asked to coordinate their orders in order to ensure as much uniformity as possible among the circuits. We will be reviewing orders from the 4th, 11th, and 19th circuits, comparing them to the Supreme Court's model order, and drafting an order for our circuit based on those samples.
- An agreement between the 3rd and 8th Judicial Circuits allowing for juvenile detention hearings from Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Suwannee Counties to be held in Gainesville on the weekends has expired, and it is currently under review and reconsideration. Judges in the 8th Judicial Circuit have expressed concern about a lack of follow-up by DJJ after juvenile detention hearings are held in Gainesville on the weekends. The 8th circuit will continue to conduct hearings for 90 days to allow for a new agreement to be reached if possible. A copy of Chief Judge Martha Lott's memo regarding this issue is attached for your information.
- Three bills under consideration by the Legislature have the potential to do away with judicial immunity, further
 reduce judges' salaries, and prevent judges from serving as senior judges for one year following their date of
 retirement. We will continue to monitor these bills and keep you informed as decisions are made.
- Silvia Harris is no longer employed by the Third Circuit as a Digital Court Reporter.
- Interviews were conducted on Friday afternoon for the Child Support Hearing Officer position.
- Crystal Ecker, our new law clerk, will begin on April 1; Adam and Lucas will leave on May 1; Jackie Jo Brinson will
 start as a law clerk on August 1; and we will be interviewing soon for a third law clerk to being on August 1.
- (Not mentioned at Judges' Meeting, but also staff news) We are currently advertising for the User Support Analyst position previously held by Harold Blakley, and we expect to conduct interviews and fill that position soon.
- Debbie DeNike was in attendance at the meeting and reported to the judges that she expects to have time to take
 on new responsibilities as soon as a Child Support Hearing Officer is hired and begins work. Family court and
 foreclosures were discussed as two possible areas that she might add to her probate workload.
- Judge Fina reminded everyone that any requests for changes in assignments for the July 2010 June 2011 calendar be made to him by the end of the day on Friday March 12th.

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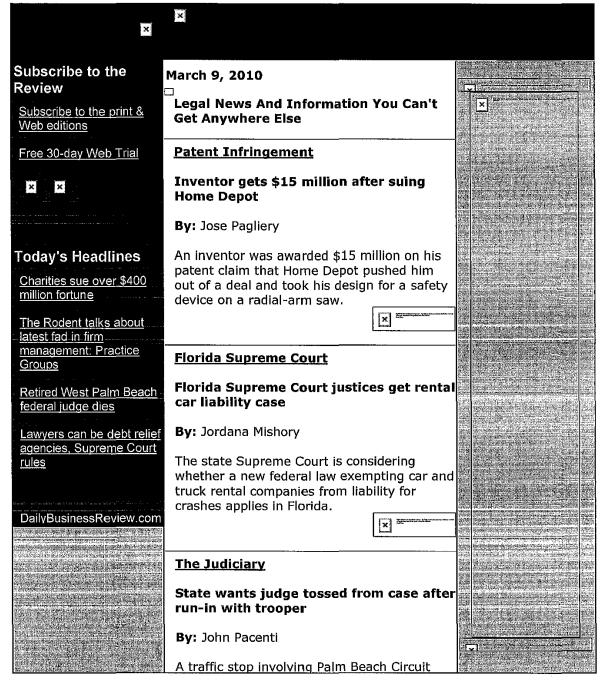
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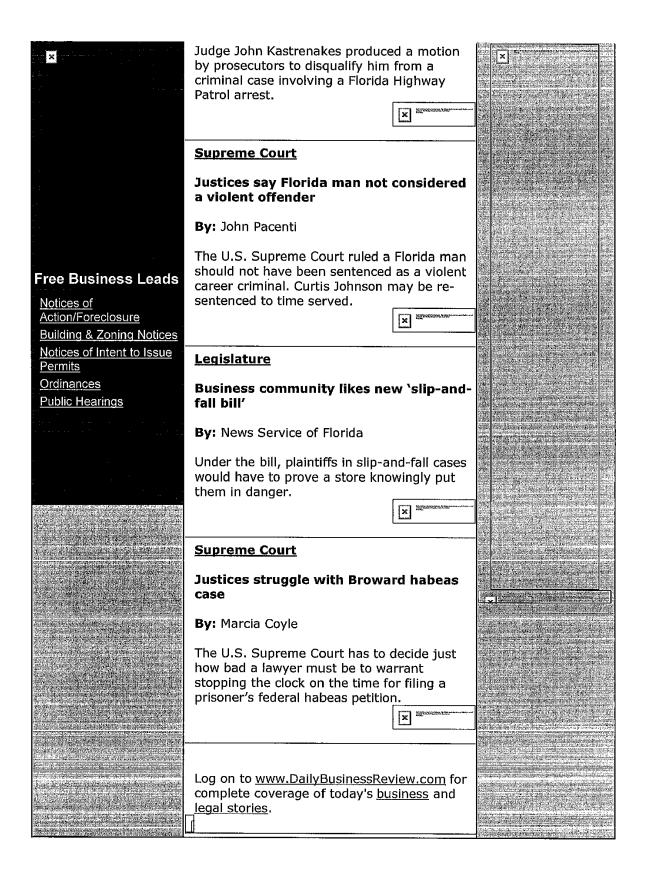


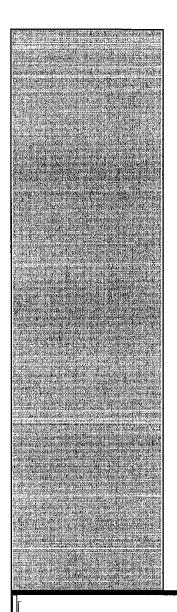
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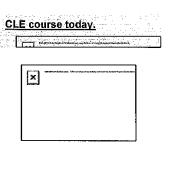
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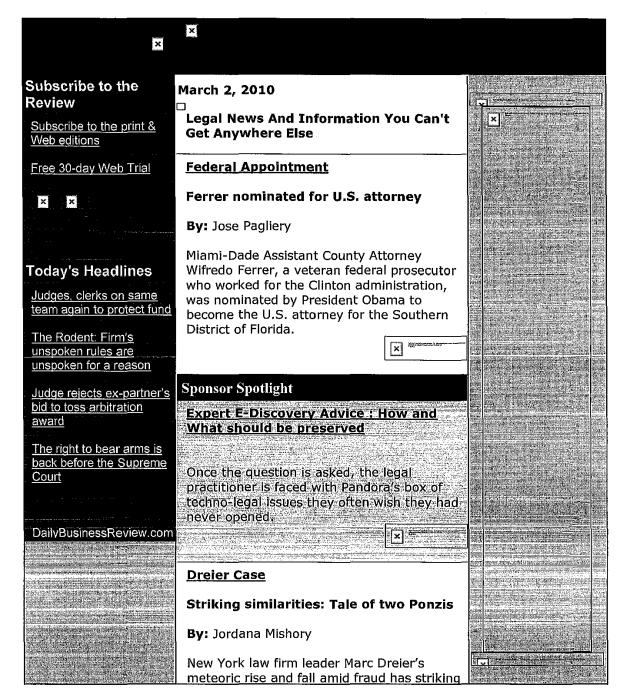
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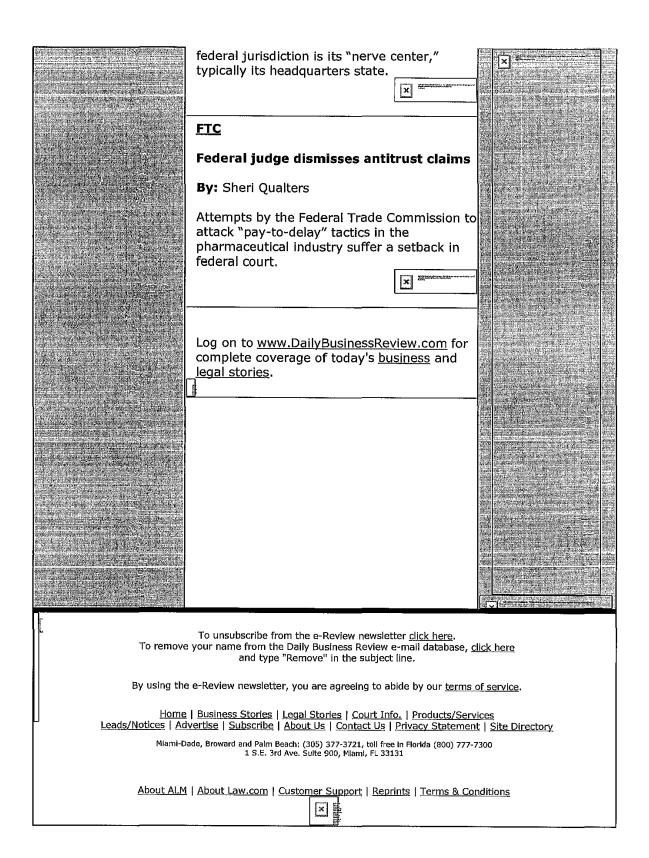
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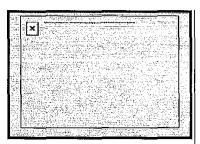
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Ronna M. Cobble

Sent:

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 8:59 AM

To:

Candice T. Herring

Subject:

Hearings

Yesterday was a blur. Too busy for words. Lots of deadlines. All that said, I am still working on your docket for Nov. 22. Should be done by this afternoon. I had to go look up the parties for all of them. We are moving my office upstairs this morning, so I am under a little delay again. It will happen though.

However, have you made a list of case numbers for the clerk's office so they can have them all pulled by Monday? That is , I guess, the most important thing right now as I know they require some notice. Let me know.

Ronna Cobble

Foreclosure Case Manager Administrative Office of the Courts Third Judicial Circuit 105 North Ohio Avenue Live Oak, FL 32064 386-362-1017

From:

Candice T. Herring

Sent:

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 1:28 PM

To:

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Subject:

RE: List for Foreclosure Hrgs

Sure-Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:00 AM

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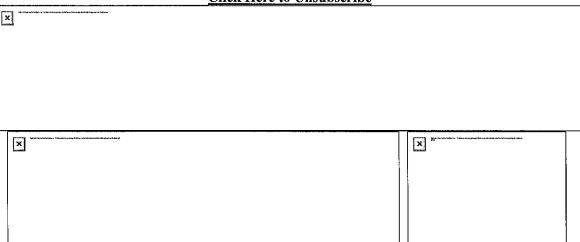
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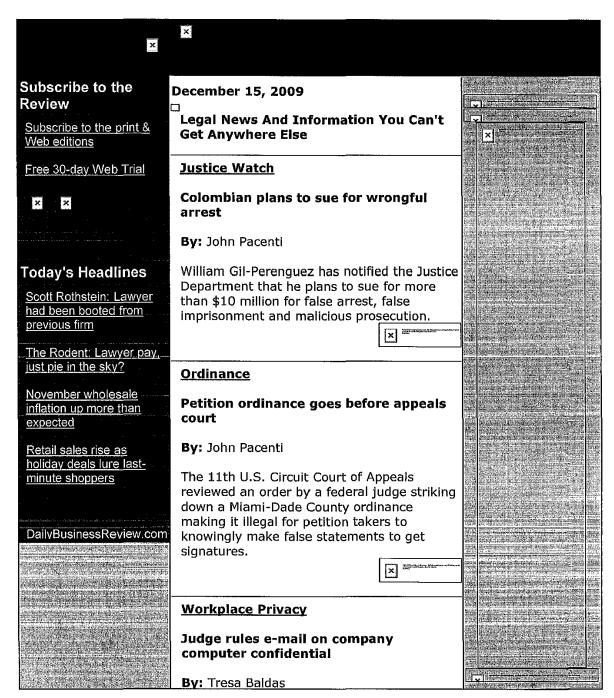
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 12:20 PM

To:

Julian E. Collins

Subject:

Litigation Alert



From:

Donna D. Moore

Sent:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 4:15 PM

To:

Darren K. Jackson

1. Nancy Burton called. She is a defendant in a foreclosure case and must have her response to the court by Monday. She wants to sign her document, scan it and send to opposing attorney for signature and then send to the Clerk for filing. (3 different cities between us, def. and plaintiff's atty. are an issue) Our Clerk's office told her to check with us to see if that would be acceptable or if she must file with original signatures.

- 2. Trooper Hughes cannot attend his cases on March 16th one is a contested tkt and the other is a mandatory appearance. How do you want to handle the re-scheduling. He said he would put something in writing if necessary.
- 3. Kent Thompson called and said Tara spoke to Jacksonville re: Macklin and they did not have signed orders yet.

Donna D. Moore, Judicial Assistant for Judge Darren K. Jackson Lafayette County Ph: 386-294-1555

From:

Candice T. Herring

Sent:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:44 AM

To:

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Subject:

Quick Update

Please read below.

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From: Carrier, Mary [mailto:MCarrier@Jud10.FLCourts.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:41 AM

To: JA's; Deborah Ryan; Jerri Evans; Karen Higgins; Shultz, Connie; Terry Muskett; Beverly Hamilton; Beverly Hamilton; Candice T. Herring; Carrier, Mary; Debbie Whitehead; Denise August; Diane Hagert; Dorina Soumastre; Georgianna Shepke; Glenda Larry; Judy C. Diaz; Linda M. Willis; Linda Maina; Marie Mosley; Martha Stem; Pat Beard; Patricia D. Moore; Shirley Dugger; Star Garcia; Susan McGee; Valerie J. Rhaburn; Vicki Shawvan; Wendy L. Thurow **Subject:**

Quick update. The Senate took a\$285million reduction. The House took a \$141 million reduction. House reduction not as severe. Senate did not take approx \$588 million reduction.(This is good news)

Court funding took no cuts! We are still whole, no cuts, no judge salary increase.

Senate left money approximately in TF (about \$80 million

Chair Crist gave us money for foreclosure concept.

Senate Ways and Means Committee discussing employee health benefits this p.m. Will keep you informed.

Mary Carrier President, JAAF

From:

Lisa L. Butler

Sent:

Friday, April 09, 2010 3:53 PM

To:

Darren K. Jackson; David W. Fina; E. Vernon Douglas; Frederick L. Koberlein; Greg S. Parker; H. Wetzel Blair; James R. Bean; Julian E. Collins; Leandra G. Johnson; Paul S. Bryan; Sonny Scaff; Tom Coleman; William R. Slaughter; Candice T. Herring; Cathy M. Hall; Debbie J. Saunders; Debra P. Sadler; Diane B. Hiers; Donna K. Jones; Donna Moore; Jean Pittman; Joyce Cameron; Linda H. Morgan; Liz B. Sullivan; Marcie A. Kemp; Melanie

Vaughn; Millicent A. Schneider; Pam K. Ring

Subject:

Residential Foreclosure Mediation Order

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Good afternoon. Please find attached Administrative Order 2010-003. Below is the link that will take you directly to the order which is posted on our website.

http://www.jud3.flcourts.org/ao_mediation.htm

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From: Sondra M. Lanier

Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2010 3:16 PM

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Cc: Lisa L. Butler; Brenda P. Pryce
Subject: Notes from Friday's Meeting

Good afternoon. Following are notes from Friday's meeting. Information in italics is related but supplemental to what was discussed at the meeting.

 Jacob Bell's last day is June 18, and he is moving away to Colorado. Harold Blakley's replacement (Duane Bestoso) will begin work on June 14. Judd Walden is also working in IT as an intern for the summer.

- Crystal Ecker and Sara Hall are doing a great job as law clerks. Crystal is the law clerk who was hired in April, and Sara is an intern for the summer. Debbie DeNike is supervising the law clerks, and they are working diligently to organize the pending motions and clear up as much backlog as possible. Jackie Jo Brinson and Junaid Savani have been hired as law clerks and will begin work on August 2 when the 90-day hold on those positions is lifted.
- Judy Eichar is retiring for health reasons, and although she is in the office until the end of June she is no longer able to work in the courtroom. Her position cannot be filled until October, so we will only have 2 stenographers until that time. Lynn Sapp will be out for surgery during a portion of that time, so we will only have 1 stenographer at times. We will use stenographers whenever available, and they will be assigned based on the prioritization established by the Supreme Court and our circuit's administrative order. However, we will have to depend on digital court reporters more often in those cases for which the Supreme Court has determined that digital is acceptable and meets our due process requirements. If an attorney/defendant requests a stenographer in a case for which the Supreme Court has determined that digital is acceptable, the attorney/defendant is responsible for hiring and paying for the court reporter.
- Donations are being collected for a retirement gift for Judy. Lisa Butler will be purchasing a gift card for Judy on Wednesday, June 16, so please forward your donations to Lisa in the Live Oak office by Tuesday, June 15. If you work in Lake City, your donations can be given to Brenda Pryce for forwarding to Lisa.
- Our state budgets remain basically the same as last year, so there should be no operational changes when our
 new fiscal year begins on July 1. The state courts trust fund was a key to our stability during the 2010 legislative
 session, and it will hopefully carry us through next year when the state's budget situation is expected to be even
 worse than this year.
- Judge Fina asked that judges remember to show appreciation to court staff who have now gone without a raise
 for almost 5 years. They have been working under difficult circumstances, and there is little else that we can do
 as an organization to help them.
- The county budgets for technology, facilities, and communications have been submitted to the counties. In order
 to assist the counties during the rough economic times they are facing, we have reduced the amounts requested
 from them by utilizing some of the unspent funds from previous years. We will be replacing some of our older
 computers and other equipment soon using reserves in our technology fund.
- Foreclosure and Economic Recovery funding has been made available to each circuit in order to address the statewide backlog in foreclosure cases. This funding was allocated from the state courts trust fund, by the Legislature, at the request of the State Courts System. The courts, in partnership with the Bar, the banking

industry, and other business leaders, lobbied the Legislature on this issue with the goal of moving foreclosure cases through the system to get properties back on the market to stimulate the economy. This project is going to be closely monitored and audited, with reports going back to the Legislature in the upcoming session to show that the courts utilized the funding to achieve its intended purpose.

Our circuit's backlog was calculate by the OSCA by subtracting the number of dispositions from the number of filings from 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 (projections used for the current year based on prior performance). According to the OSCA, our circuit has a backlog of 1,325 cases, and we have been instructed to dispose of 822 cases, or 62% of our total backlog. We have received a case manager position which is currently being advertised, and we were also appropriated a secretary position that we are not planning to fill at this time. The case manager will identify the cases making up the "backlog", determine the status of each, and report to the presiding judge for direction on further actions to be taken.

The original proposal included the management of contract/indebtedness cases and small claims cases from \$5,001 to \$15,000. However, the Trial Court Budget Commission determined that the funding should be used only for foreclosure cases until the circuit meets its target reduction. At that time, the circuit will be allowed to request permission from the TCBC to expand to include the other case types.

- The Clerks and Judges are planning a cookout at Judge Fina's house on the river in September. The proposed date was September 16, but that may need to be changed. Please let Judge Fina know your availability on Thursday evenings in September.
- Judge Fina asked for volunteers to complete the training necessary to become a mentor for new judges. Please let Judge Fina or Sondra know if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

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Subject: Notes from August Judges' Meeting

Good morning. Following are some notes from the August Judges' Meeting that was held in Madison on Friday, August 13.

 Junaid Savani and Jackie-Jo Brinson started at the beginning of the month as law clerks, and their office is in Suwannee County. Sara Hall did a great job as a law clerk intern for the summer and is now going back to college. Crystal Ecker, Sara Hall, and Debbie DeNike have been working diligently to address the backlog of postconviction motions, and we look forward to great things from our current staff as well.

Vacancies currently being advertised include a temporary case manager and secretary to work on the foreclosure case management project. These positions were funded through a special appropriation for this specific purpose, and although we are advertising for both, we expect to hire only one person. We are advertising for both positions to give us more options when making a hiring decision. We are also advertising for a user support analyst to replace Jacob Bell, and for a family court case manager to replace Jill Hoblick. The case manager will handle Taylor and Dixie Counties, as well as Judge Collins' portion of the Columbia County caseload.

- Judge Bryan reported on the recent Trial Budget Commission meeting and provided an update on the present status of our state courts' budget. Foreclosure filing fees continue to be the primary single source of funding for the courts. Our salary budget is stable, in large part due to the controls (i.e. waiting periods for filling vacant positions) that are remaining in place for the current fiscal year.
- Judge Fina reported on the recent Chief Judges' meeting. He emphasized the importance of foreclosure case management and backlog reduction, along with the legislative implications of this project. Judge Fina also discussed some pay and benefits issues, and judges can call him for more information on that subject. The legislature is requiring a report, by judge, regarding the number of cases disposed during the current year. We will be working with the clerks to ensure that these numbers are as accurate as possible.
- Sondra has been meeting with judges and clerks to determine how to best handle foreclosure case management
 in each of the counties. Because we received funding for positions under this initiative and the clerks only
 received expense money, we are doing whatever we can to minimize the additional workload on clerks'
 staff. The courts are required to eliminate 62% of our backlog, and our success will be measured based on the
 number of cases on which no additional court action is required. The clerks will be measured on sales and
 issuance of certificates of title.
- Protocol for duty judge was discussed, and Judge Fina will be sending a memo to all of the agencies that may
 need a judge on the weekend. The memo will explain the protocol and ask that the agency heads share the
 memo with all of their staff/officers who may need to know about it. Weekly reminders will then be sent to

clerks and dispatch for each of the sheriff's departments, and they can serve as the point of contact when an emergency judge is needed.

- Judges are asked to provide dates for every Thursday on which they are available for the dinner with the clerks at Judge Fina's house.
- During the meeting, a couple of legal questions arose. Debbie DeNike researched those issues, and her summary is provided below for your information. If a more formal memo is required, I can ask her to prepare that for distribution:

Electronic signatures - In Haire v. Fla. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 870 So.2d 774 (Fla. 2004), the Supreme Court affirmed the 4th DCA's holding that when a judge issuing a warrant directs the use of an electronic signature, it is clear that the judge is attesting to the act of issuing the warrant and that the use of the electronic signature is "within the discretion of the issuing magistrate". In so holding, the Supreme Court stated that reasoning was consistent with the general rule that absent a statute or rule prescribing the method of a signature, a signature may be validly affixed in a variety of ways. This is also consistent with §688.004, Fla.Stat. (2003), which states: "[u]nless otherwise prohibited by law, an electronic signature may be used to sign a writing and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature" and the Rules of Judicial Administration, Rule 2.515.

<u>Court seal</u> - As to the use of the court seal on search warrants, §933.07, Fla.Stat. does not require affixing of a seal. Further, in *Johnson v. State of Florida, 339 So.2d 667* (Fla. 2nd DCA 1976), the court stated the failure of the judge to affix a seal or the name of her office to the search warrant pursuant to s. 933.07, Fla.Stat. (1973), did not vitiate the warrants validity.

 Since the meeting, we have scheduled a retirement ceremony and reception for Judge Slaughter and the Court Christmas Luncheon.

Thursday, December 9 from 4:00 until 6:00 – Judge Slaughter's retirement ceremony reception at the Suwannee County Courthouse

Friday, December 17 – Christmas luncheon for judges and Court Staff – Details to be announced soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information on any of these subjects.

Sondra