IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2023-021 (Rescinds Administrative Order S-2021-071)

RECISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON COURT OPERATIONS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS DURING MITIGATION FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

On May 11, 2023, the federal public health emergency issued for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is scheduled to end. In anticipation, on April 27, 2023, the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court issued Administrative Order AOSC23-25 (*COVID-19 Administrative Orders*), terminating all provisions of the pandemic-related administrative orders that had established health and safety protocols as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, on October 1, 2022, numerous amendments to the Florida Rules of Court went into effect providing for permanent and broader authorization for the remote conduct of court proceedings.

Based on these developments, Administrative Order S-2021-071 (Court Operations and Judicial Proceedings during Mitigation from the COVID-19 Pandemic) has served its purpose and is no longer necessary.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is ORDERED:

Administrative Order S-2021-071 is rescinded effective May 11, 2023.

ENTERED on May 8, 2023. Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

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