

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.505-1/25*

IN RE: COURT REPORTING PLAN FOR DEATH PENALTY TRIALS
AND CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION PROCEEDINGS

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.535(i) requires the chief judge of each circuit to enter an administrative order developing and implementing a circuit-wide plan to expedite the preparation of transcripts in all cases in which the death penalty is sought and in capital post-conviction proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Whenever and where available, the court reporting manager of the 15th Judicial Circuit shall assign a court reporter who has the capacity to provide real-time transcription to report trials in which the State seeks the death penalty and in capital post-conviction proceedings.
2. If real-time transcription services are not available, the use of a computer-aided transcription qualified court reporter shall be assigned to report these trials and proceedings.
3. The circuit's court reporting manager is directed to use scopists, text editors, alternating court reporters or other means to expedite the finalization of the certified transcript for these trials and proceedings.
4. The circuit's court reporting manager will impose reasonable restrictions on work assignments by employee or contract court reporters to ensure that transcript production in capital cases is given a priority.
5. The court reporting manager for the 15th Judicial Circuit is further directed and authorized to put into effect any other measures as allowed by law or rule to expedite the preparation and finalization of transcripts in these cases.

DONE and SIGNED, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this 6th day of January, 2025.



GLENN D. KELLEY
Chief Judge

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