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Mr. Noel F. Chessman
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RE: request for implementation of electronic signatures for Motions and Notice of Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution (LOP) in Palm Beach County, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Dear Mr. Chessman:

Supreme Court Opinion No.SC10-241, In re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration – Rule 2.236 (July 1, 2010) provides that the Florida Courts Technology Commission “evaluate all such applications to determine whether they comply with the technology policies established by the supreme court and the procedures and standards created pursuant to this rule, and approve those applications deemed to be effective and found to be in compliance.”

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on August 9, 2010 the Electronic Filing Committee (EFC) reviewed and recommended approval of your request to implement the use of electronic signatures in Palm Beach County for Motions and Notice of Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution.

Based on your request dated July 20, 2010, it is my understanding that this is a court supported project and the project has been in a pilot phase in the civil divisions for Motions and Notice of Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution. The process automatically affixes a copy of a judge’s signature to a document, eliminating the need for the judge to sign each copy or stamp each copy; judges will be provided audit copies and summaries of transactions related to their

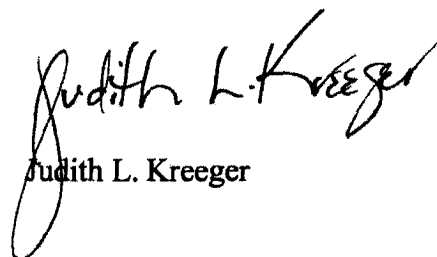
division(s). It is also noted that the project is currently being piloted successfully in the circuit and county civil divisions and will be implemented throughout all divisions, pending approval. Additionally, it has been certified that the system complies with the current technical and functional standards, guidelines and approved ADA-508 compliance standards.

Approval of this electronic initiative is contingent upon compliance with the policy considerations and directives regarding the development and application of new technological standardization and enhancements as set forth by the Supreme Court.

As Chair and on behalf of the Florida Courts Technology Commission, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's request to implement the system to affix electronic signatures is hereby approved.

Should you have any questions regarding the approval process, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Judith L. Kreeger

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cc: The Honorable Manuel Menendez, Jr., Chair, Electronic Filing Committee
The Honorable Peter D. Blanc, Chief Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Barbara Dawicke, Trial Court Administrator, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
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