

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC10-59

IN RE: ADOPTION OF FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS, TECHNICAL
 STANDARDS, AND STRATEGIC PLAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On April 8, 2003, former Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead issued an administrative order¹ to implement a long-range strategic plan to coordinate technology development in the trial courts as well as operational standards, policies, and procedures relating to automation in Florida's trial courts. The purpose of those directives was to bring standardization of automation to trial court technology.

AOSC03-16 specifically required that:

1. Each circuit court and clerk of the court that undertakes to develop new data systems and/or upgrades to existing hardware and software for the storage and maintenance of trial court data and records must adhere to the Functional Requirements Document, Technical Standards, and the Strategic Plan as approved by the Florida Courts Technology Commission.
2. Before a system that maintains trial court data and records may be implemented by a circuit court or clerk of court, whether it is vendor

1. See In Re: Adoption of Functional Requirements, Technical Standards and Strategic Plan, AOSC03-16 (Fla. April 8, 2003).

created or internally created, the specifications must be submitted for approval to the Florida Courts Technology Commission to ensure that the system meets the criteria set forth in the Functional Requirements Document, Technical Standards, and Strategic Plan.

3. In order to maintain standardization within the circuits, each judicial circuit must develop a strategic plan for local implementation that is consistent with the statewide Strategic Plan. The circuit strategic plans must identify future technology initiatives in the circuit and must be submitted by October 1, 2003, to the Florida Courts Technology Commission for approval.
4. By October 1st of each subsequent year, each judicial circuit shall develop an annual operational plan that must be presented to the Florida Courts Technology Commission for approval. This operational plan will outline the tasks to be accomplished during the upcoming fiscal year and the estimated cost to achieve the tasks. To the extent that there are revenues associated with any such initiatives, the revenues should also be identified.

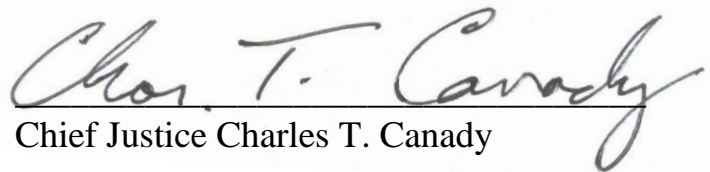
The Florida State Courts System has made steady progress in implementing and standardizing trial court technology since 2003. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court adopted Rule of Judicial Administration 2.236² establishing the Florida Courts Technology Commission as a permanent judicial branch commission to oversee, manage, and direct the development and use of technology within the judicial branch under the direction of the Florida Supreme Court.

2. See In Re: Amendments To The Florida Rules Of Judicial Administration – Rule 2.236, Case No. SC10-241, Fla. July 1, 2010.

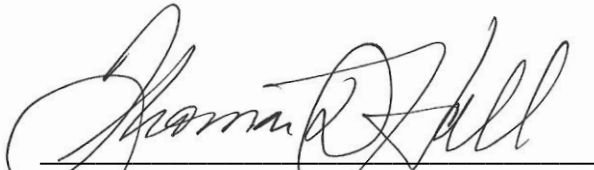
Provisions within Rule of Judicial Administration 2.236, along with changes in operations of the judicial branch, have rendered AOSC03-16 obsolete.

Accordingly, as recommended by the Florida Courts Technology Commission, I hereby rescind AOSC03-16.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on November 18, 2010.


Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

ATTEST:


Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

