

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.107-12/09\*

IN RE: USE OF COURTHOUSE DEPOSITION ROOMS  
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Security concerns **might** arise when taking depositions in private offices. Court Administration has designated specific rooms at the Main Judicial Center **and the South County Branch Courthouse** to be used for criminal or civil depositions.

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

1. **Main Judicial Center:**

- a. Rooms 4.2004, 4.2005, 4.2006, 4.2007 and 4.2010 may be used for depositions in criminal and civil matters on Tuesdays, Thursday **afternoons (after 1:00)** and Fridays.
- b. The rooms are not available on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings** as they are permanently reserved for county court mediation.
- c. Room 4.2003 is designated a "Child-Friendly" room.
- d. **Digital Recording of criminal matters falls under Administrative Order 2.501 and 2.502 (Witness Management).**

2. **South County Branch Courthouse:**

- a. **Rooms 2W-151 and 2W-152 may be used for depositions in criminal and civil matters on Mondays and Fridays.**
- b. **The rooms are not available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as they are permanently reserved for use by Court Administration and mediation.**
- c. **Hearing Room A**
  - 1) **Hearing Room A will be available for depositions in Dependency matters only and are set through the Witness Management Office located at the Main Judicial Center.**
  - 2) **Witness Management will notify the South County Law Library and Central Recording of scheduled dependency depositions. Attorneys shall**

**contact the South County Law Librarian upon arrival at the South County Courthouse to obtain access to Hearing Room A.**

- 3) Hearing Room A is equipped with digital recording.**
- 4) Digital Recording of criminal matters falls under Administrative Order 2.501 and 2.502 (Witness Management).**

3. The deposition rooms are available on a first come/first serve basis. The Administrative Office of the Court **does not schedule** usage of the **mediation** rooms **for private depositions**. In instances where all rooms are occupied or a conflict exists, the Administrative Office of the Court may be contacted for assistance in securing another appropriate location within the facility.

4. **This Administrative Order does not apply to those depositions taken through the Witness Management Office in accordance with Administrative Order 2.501-10/09 (as amended).**

**DONE and SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 22 day of December, 2009.

  
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Peter D. Blanc, Chief Judge

\*supersedes admin. order 2.107-1/09