

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.501-6/16\*

IN RE: WITNESS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.535(h) (4) permits the Chief Judge to authorize the use of electronic reporting for discovery depositions in criminal cases. Electronic reporting of criminal discovery depositions will reduce the cost of case preparation without diminishing access to discoverable information.

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

1. The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's Witness Management Office ("WMO") will provide electronic reporting of depositions to attorneys from the Office of the Public Defender, Office of Regional Criminal Conflict, Office of the State Attorney and Court Appointed Attorneys when a civilian or law enforcement witness is being deposed in a criminal, dependency, or delinquency case.
2. The coordination and scheduling of depositions at the Main Judicial Complex and South County Courthouse Hearing Room A are to be made via email to [CAD-witnessmanagementoffice@pbcgov.org](mailto:CAD-witnessmanagementoffice@pbcgov.org) and in accordance with Administrative Order 2.502. No depositions shall be permitted unless scheduled by the WMO.
3. The WMO at the Main Judicial Complex is located on the 5th Floor of the courthouse in room 5.1500 and is available for criminal, juvenile, and dependency cases pending at any courthouse in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.
4. The WMO at the South County Courthouse is located in Hearing Room A on the Second Floor and is available for depositions scheduled only in cases pending in Division D and Division JS. To gain access to Hearing Room A, parties must check-in with the Law Librarian.

**DONE** and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 25 day of June, 2016.

  
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Jeffrey Colbath, Chief Judge

\* supersedes admin. order 2.501-1/13