ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2007-03

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
COUNTIES, FLORIDA

<u>ORDER VACATING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2006-15-01 ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR SEALING COURT RECORDS, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES</u>

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution mandates that the public shall have access to court records, subject only to certain enumerated limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court directed the chief judges of the circuit courts to take corrective action in response to media reports concerning hidden cases and secret dockets; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of administrative orders has addressed and remedied the immediate public concern about the sealing of court records or dockets; and

WHEREAS, the procedures implemented varied from circuit to circuit underscoring the need for adoption of a uniform statewide rule; and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.420, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration, was amended effective April 5, 2007 in an effort to achieve uniform statewide procedures to address all aspects of this issue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this amendment it is necessary that the Administrative Order addressing criteria and procedures for sealing court records be vacated accordingly and the procedure established by Rule 2.420, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration, is the only procedure to be followed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215 order that Administrative Order No. 2006-15-01 dated January 26, 2007 is vacated and set aside.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this 9th day of May, 2007.

___/s/_____
Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

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