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Honorable Elzie S. Sanders
Chief Judge
Alachua County Courthouse
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Re: Local Rule No. 3.020(C) for Alachua County

Dear Chief Judge Sanders:

The Supreme Court approved the above local rule for Alachua County on June 21, 1994. I have enclosed an approved copy for your records.

Most cordially,

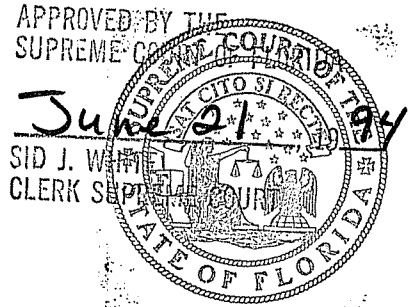
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. John F. Harkness, Jr.
Mr. J. K. "Buddy" Irby
Mr. Ben E. North

Local Rule No. 3.020 (C)
Selection of Jurors By Computer In Alachua County
(Amending Local Rule No. 3.020 (B) Approved by
The Supreme Court, June 25, 1990)



WHEREAS, the present method of selecting jurors can be expedited without loss of the sanctity of random selection by the use of the newer model electronic computers available for use by Alachua County and/or the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

WHEREAS, the source of such selection is from a voter registration list which is in computer compatible form and under the custody and control of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Alachua County, it is therefore,

RESOLVED that the Rules of the Eighth Judicial Circuit for procedure in all courts of Alachua County in which jury trials are held shall be amended to include this additional Rule adopting the following alternative plans for the selection of persons for grand jury or petit jury service:

1. EQUIPMENT:

(a) The equipment used in jury selection shall be owned by Alachua County, located in the secured computer room of the Alachua County Data Processing Center, or other compatible computers located in the secured computer room of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County in the Alachua County Courthouse.

2. ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF SELECTING VENIRE:

(a) In addition to the provisions of Chapter 40, Fla. Stat., the trial courts in Alachua County wherein jury trials are held shall be authorized to select venires for such jury trials and

for grand juries by electronic equipment.

(b) The source from which names shall be taken is the voter registration list of all precincts in Alachua County, provided and certified by the Supervisor of Elections of Alachua County. Every January hereafter, or at the request of the Chief Judge, the Supervisor of Elections will deliver and certify to the Clerk of the Circuit Court a computerized listing of the current voter registration of all registered voters in Alachua County. The Clerk of the Circuit Court will protect the listing and tapes from further writing and keep it securely stored.

(c) The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County is designated the official custodian of the computer records of the lists to be used in jury selection and shall ensure they are not accessible to anyone other than those directly involved in selection of venire, as herein provided. Functions of the Clerk of Circuit Court may be performed by his deputies.

(d) If the entire list of registered voters is not used as the final certified jury list from which venires are selected then, the Chief Judge or his designated representative, with the aid and assistance of the Clerk of Circuit Court, shall select enough prospective jurors for the year by lot and at random from the entire list of registered voters using the method described in Paragraph 3 below.

(e) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall cause jury venires to be selected from the final certified jury list programmed into the Alachua County computer using the method described below in accordance with directions received from the Chief Judge or his designated representative.

3. RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR METHOD AND JURY SELECTION:

The method used to randomly select jurors from the registered list of voters is the Universal Random Number Generator provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator

and programmed by Alachua County Information Services Software Systems Design Incorporated.

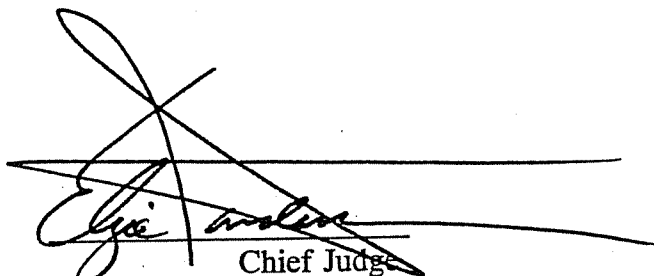
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ALACHUA

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the majority of the judges authorized to conduct jury trials in Alachua County, Florida, have consented to the use of the electronic systems, which are described in a Local Rule, 3.020 (C) , attached hereto, and request approval for the use of such systems in Alachua County, Florida, by the Supreme Court of Florida, as required by Chapter 40.225, Florida Statutes.

DATED this 20th May day of ~~April~~, 1994.


Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial Circuit