

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR FLAGLER, PUTNAM, ST. JOHNS & VOLUSIA COUNTIES**

RE: Court Reporter Qualifications

REF: P-2014-023

WHEREAS, it has been made known to the undersigned that the establishment of qualifications for stenographic court reporters called upon to report court proceedings within the Seventh Judicial Circuit is necessary for the prompt and efficient administration of justice, and

WHEREAS, Rule 2.535, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, defines the terms “approved court reporter”, “civil court reporter” and “approved transcriptionist”, and includes references within said definitions of the court establishing certification, training and other qualifications;

NOW THEREFORE, I, TERENCE R. PERKINS, Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, hereby order that effective July 1, 2015, all stenographic court reporters called upon to report court proceedings within the Seventh Judicial Circuit must be Registered Professional Reporters (RPR), Registered Merit Reporters (RMR), Registered Diplomate Reporters (RDR), or Certified Realtime Reporters (CRR) through the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that individuals called upon to produce official transcripts of court proceedings within the Seventh Judicial Circuit must possess one of the stenographic court reporter certificates mentioned above, or be Certified Electronic Transcriptionists (CET) through the American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers (AAERT). Said certifications are to be referenced on the “reporter’s certificate” page at the end of every transcript.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon request, a stenographic court reporter must present proof that he/she possesses one or more of the above-referenced certificates. Failure to do so may result in a court reporter being enjoined from reporting court proceedings within the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

TO BE RECORDED in Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns & Volusia counties.

DONE AND ORDERED in Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida this 30th day of January 2014.

/s/ Terence R. Perkins
TERENCE R. PERKINS
CHIEF JUDGE

cc: Circuit and County Judges
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