

# Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSCOO-43

IN RE:           COMPUTER FORMAT FOR TRANSCRIPTS  
                  IN DEATH PENALTY APPEALS

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the Court has recently promulgated amendments to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure; and

WHEREAS amended Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.10 requires court reporters to submit transcripts in death penalty appeals on computer disks, in addition to paper copies; and

WHEREAS the amended Rule requires these disks to be submitted “in a format approved by the supreme court”; and

WHEREAS the rapid pace of technological advance in computerization makes it difficult to predict trends in future standards for computer formats; and

WHEREAS the question of what formats will be used in the future requires both input from affected parties and periodic review;

NOW THEREFORE I, Charles T. Wells, Chief Justice of Florida, do hereby order:

1. The computer format for death penalty appellate transcripts shall be Word-Perfect 5.1 or higher; and

2. Transcripts submitted on disk may either be on 3.5 inch computer diskettes or on compact disks (also called CD's or CD-ROM's) formatted for DOS; and

3. All diskettes or compact disks filed with the Court shall be clearly labeled with the case name and number and the volume number(s) of the transcripts; and

4. Diskettes or compact disks shall be consecutively numbered, if more than one is filed in a single case; and

5. Court staff shall periodically review the policies contained herein to determine when and if changes should be made, and any interested party may suggest changes in a letter addressed to the Clerk of Court; and

6. The requirements of this Order shall take effect on January 1, 2001, and shall apply to any death penalty appeal in which a final transcript has not yet been sent to the Supreme Court of Florida as of that date; and

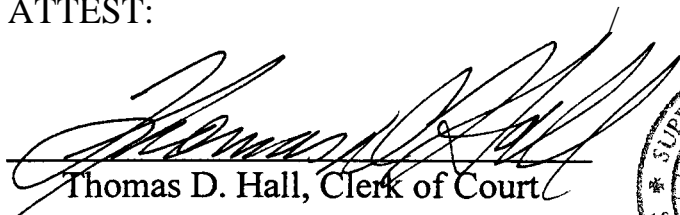
7. Any interested parties may file comments regarding this Order on or before December 1, 2000, and those comments will be taken under advisement in determining whether this Order should be reconsidered.

DONE AND ORDERED, at Tallahassee, Florida, on this 24th day of October,

2000.

  
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Chief Justice Charles T. Wells

ATTEST:

  
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Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

