

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC16-15

IN RE: UNIFORM CASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Florida Court System requires timely access to accurate and reliable data in order to ensure the responsible use of public resources and to effectively administer justice in the State of Florida. We find that direct, substantive, two-way sharing of case and court activity data is vital to the trial courts' efforts to effectively manage cases and judicial operations. Consistent with that need, this Court finds it necessary to revise and expand the current uniform case reporting requirements.^{1,2}

Specifically, the clerks of the circuit court are hereby required to expand the existing clerk of court data reporting requirements for real property mortgage foreclosure cases (found in In Re: Continued Case Reporting Requirements for Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure Cases, Fla. Admin. Order AOSC15-09 (April, 2015)) to all case types and to increase the data elements provided to include

1. Section 25.075, Florida Statutes, requires the Supreme Court to develop a uniform case reporting system.

2. Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.245 establishes the mechanism for uniform case reporting.

information on case inventory and status assignment, summary reporting system case type and disposition assignment, and post-judgment reopen and reclosure activity for all case types, including mortgage foreclosure cases. The data specifications for reporting are fully described in the Uniform Case Reporting Project Data Collection Specification.³ The clerks of court are also required to electronically transmit data to the Office of the State Courts Administrator directly through an approved interface from clerk case maintenance systems and not through any third-party, non-judicial branch means.

The Uniform Case Reporting requirements prescribed herein represent a much needed modernization of the older case reporting requirements^{4,5} and will substantially improve court activity reporting. These requirements will assist with workload measures and result in additional tools for judges and court managers to enhance data quality and service delivery throughout the court system.

While these updated uniform case reporting requirements will ultimately consolidate several existing reporting requirements, this Court recognizes that full implementation will take time to complete. Accordingly, clerks of court, circuit

3. The Uniform Case Reporting (UCR) Project Data Collection Specification document is available on the Florida Courts Website at <http://www.flcourts.org/jdms>.

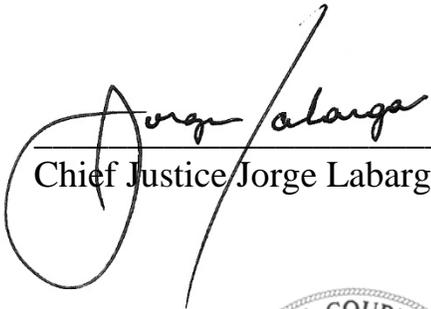
4. Ibid [1][2].

5. Additional requirements are added in Fla. R. Jud. Admin 2.225(a)(2) (case inventory reporting), Fla. R. Jud. Admin 2.250(b) (quarterly pending caseload reporting) and Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.201 (complex civil case reporting).

court administration, and other reporting entities shall continue data collection and reporting under all applicable rules and guidelines until otherwise notified by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

This administrative order extends the real property foreclosure data reporting requirements contained in In Re: Continued Case Reporting Requirements for Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure Cases, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC15-9 (April 1, 2015), until implementation of the uniform case reporting specification is complete and notification is provided to the various reporting entities by the Office of the State Courts Administrator. The referenced uniform case reporting specification prepared by the Office of the State Courts Administrator is effective upon the signing of this order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 27, 2016.



Chief Justice Jorge Labarga

ATTEST:



John Tomasino, Clerk of Court

