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Re: 2013 Legislation Potentially Affecting Court Rules and Jury Instructions

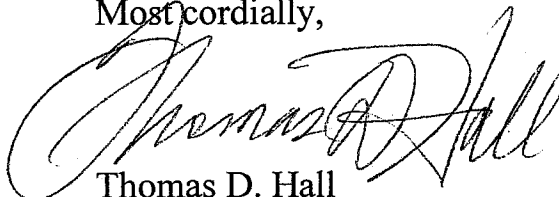
Dear Ms. Young and Mr. Harkness:

This letter addresses legislation passed during the 2013 Regular Session that may necessitate changes to court rules. Staff of the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) prepared the enclosed table, which identifies as specifically as possible court rules potentially affected by recently enacted legislation and identifies the effective date of each measure. Action by the Governor may still be required for these measures to become law. If a measure has been approved by the Governor or become law without his signature, as of the date on the table, the table includes the assigned chapter law.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Most cordially,



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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Ricky Polston, Chief Justice
The Honorable James M. Barton II, Chair, Standard Jury Instructions
Committee (Civil)
The Honorable Jonathan D. Gerber, Chair, Standard Jury Instructions
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The Honorable Joseph A. Bulone, Chair, Standard Jury Instructions
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The Honorable Richard Allen Nielsen, Chair, Civil Procedure Rules
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**2013 BILLS POTENTIALLY AFFECTING COURT
RULES/JURY INSTRUCTIONS
(As of May 21, 2013)**

Administration- Judicial and Budget House Bill	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/ Effective Date
HB 7017	Terms of Courts/ Rep. Spano	Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.340 relating to issuance of mandates, and, as necessary, conforming Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.205(b)(5) and 2.210(b)(4).	January 1, 2014 Chapter No. 2013- 25, L.O.F.
Administration- Judicial and Budget Senate Bill	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/ Effective Date
SB 0186	Jurisdiction of the Courts/ Sen. Diaz de la Portilla	The bill may require adoption of new or amended jury instructions in contract or business cases.	July 1, 2013
Civil House Bill	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/ Effective Date
HB 0087 (also in Foreclosure)	Mortgage Foreclosures/ Rep. Passidomo	Section 9 of the bill requests that the Supreme Court amend the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure to provide expedited foreclosure proceedings conforming to changes under the bill. The bill also requests that the Court develop and publish forms relating to these matters.	Upon becoming a law
Civil Senate Bills	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/ Effective Date
SB 0112 (also in Criminal)	Filing False Documents/Property/ Sen. Dean	May require new jury instruction specific to the award of damages subject to the specific criteria under s. 768.72.	October 1, 2013

SB 0390 (also in Criminal)	Veterans' Organizations/ Sen. Dean	May require a new jury instruction.	July 1, 2013
SB 0492	Estates/ Sen. Hukill	Review Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.070, in light of proposed new s. 736.02025, F.S., relating to service of process.	October 1, 2013
SB 1106	Agritourism/ Sen. Hays	May need revision to the Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases.	July 1, 2013
Criminal House Bills	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/Effective Date
HB 0953 (also in ISS)	Warrants/ Rep. Nunez	Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.121 could be updated to reflect possibility of electronic warrants.	July 1, 2013
HB 7015	Expert Testimony/ Rep. Metz	The bill amends s. 90.702, F.S., relating to expert testimony and anticipates the Supreme Court will adopt these changes as a matter of course; ensuring court procedures are consistent with the evidence code. Changes in s. 90.702, F.S., will also require amendment of jury instructions in both civil and criminal matters.	July 1, 2013
HB 7083	Death Penalty/ Rep. Gaetz	Bill codifies in statute capital postconviction public records production (significant portions of R. Crim. Pro. 3.852 with revisions/adjustments). New Supreme Court Subcommittee on Capital Postconviction Proceedings likely to recommend changes to existing rules. (See AOSC13-11.)	July 1, 2013
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SB 0112 (also in Civil)	Filing False Documents/ Property/ Sen. Dean	May require new jury instruction specific to the award of damages subject to the specific criteria under s.	October 1, 2013

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SB 0294	Controlled Substances/ Sen. Bradley	Would need to amend the jury instruction for possession of a controlled substance.	Upon becoming a law (April 24, 2013) Chapter No. 2013-29, L.O.F.
SB 0390 (also in Civil)	Veterans' Organizations/ Sen. Dean	May require a new jury instruction.	July 1, 2013
Family Senate Bill	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/Effective Date
SB 1036	Independent Living/ Sen. Detert	Florida Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.415 would need to be amended. Rule 8.425 and Form 8.970 might need to be amended as well.	January 1, 2014
Foreclosure House Bill	Short Title/Sponsor	Rule/Jury Instruction Affected	Comments/Effective Date
HB 0087 (also in Civil)	Mortgage Foreclosures/ Rep. Passidomo	Section 9 of the bill requests that the Supreme Court amend the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure to provide expedited foreclosure proceedings conforming to changes under the bill. The bill also requests that the Court develop and publish forms relating to these matters.	Upon becoming a law
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