

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL ORDER

IN RE: JUROR SELECTION PLAN FOR POLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the former process for approval of juror selection plans required the chief judge to request that the Florida Supreme Court approve entry of a local rule which outlined the juror selection plan and certified that the majority of judges authorized to conduct jury trials in the county had consented to the use of an electronic system for juror selection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 40.225(2), Florida Statutes, the current process for approval of juror selection plans requires the clerk of the court to submit a proposed plan, that has been approved by the chief judge, to the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 40.225(3), Florida Statutes, upon approval of the juror selection plan, the Chief Justice must enter an administrative order approving the plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2012, The Honorable Richard M. Weiss, then Clerk of the Circuit Court, Polk County, with approval from The Honorable Wm. Bruce Smith, Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, requested review and approval by The Honorable Ricky Polston, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, of a new juror selection plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2013, Chief Justice Polston entered AOSC13-1, entitled *In Re: Juror Selection Plan: Polk County*, which approved the juror selection plan submitted on December 5, 2012; and, it is therefore

ORDERED that Florida Supreme Court AOSC13-1, *In Re: Juror Selection Plan: Polk County*, entered on January 10, 2013, **SUPERSEDES** *Amended Local Rule No. 2 Selection of Jurors by Computer in Polk County*, dated March 15, 2001.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 25th day of September, 2013.

WM. BRUCE SMITH, Chief Judge