

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.704-12/11*

IN RE: EXTENSION OF RECIPROCITY TO CERTIFIED PROCESS
SERVERS OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Legislature has enacted the Florida Certified Process Server Act, section 48.25-31, Florida Statutes (2007). The Circuit Courts of the Eleventh and Fifteenth Judicial Circuits (Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties) have implemented the Act by creating standards and requirements concerning certification and promulgating lists of certified process servers. Florida Statute section 48.29(4) empowers the chief judge of each circuit to prescribe additional rules and requirements regarding the eligibility of a person to become a certified process server. The Circuit Courts of Dade and Palm Beach Counties have agreed to extend reciprocity to certified process servers in order to promote the efficient administration of justice by allowing for service of process throughout a large section of southeast Florida's urban corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Reciprocity is extended to certified process servers of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit upon the conditions set forth below.
2. Process servers who are certified in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Miami-Dade County) will be certified in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit (Palm Beach County), without sitting for an examination, upon satisfying the following conditions:
 - a. Complete the circuit's application form and tender the normal processing fee.
 - b. **Execute a performance bond with a surety company authorized within this County in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as provided in §48.29(2)(g), Florida Statute. Such bond must remain in force and effect during the certification period. The bond shall either be recorded by the Clerk of the Court with a certified copy provided to the Administrative Office of the Court or the original bond is to be surrendered to the Administrative Office of the Court.**
 - c. Tender a letter or certificate of good standing from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit **or the Administrative Office of the Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.**

d. **Complete any required training course.**

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this
7 day of December, 2011.



Peter D. Blanc, Chief Judge

* supersedes admin. order 2.704-9/08