

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 09-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 09-16**

**IN RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
CHINESE-MANUFACTURED DRYWALL
PRODUCTS LITIGATION ELECTRONIC
SERVICE PROGRAM IN THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, technology is considered by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as a valuable tool in the ongoing effort to serve the community and the legal system in the most efficient and effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 1.080, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the court has the authority to order alternative means of service; and

WHEREAS, given the efficient and effective utilization of an electronic service system for the parties in the asbestos litigation cases in this Circuit, it has been determined that an electronic service system would be a just and reasonable manner of service for the parties in the Chinese-manufactured drywall products litigation cases; (hereinafter "Chinese Drywall Cases"); and

WHEREAS, many of the same parties in this Circuit's Chinese Drywall Cases are also parties in similar federal cases wherein an electronic service system, known as LexisNexis File & Serve, is utilized;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. The Chinese-manufactured drywall products litigation electronic service program (hereinafter "Program") is hereby authorized as a program to be conducted, in addition to conventional filing with the Clerk of the Courts, in all cases specific to Chinese-manufactured drywall (hereinafter "Chinese Drywall Cases") in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida.

2. In order to facilitate case management, document retrieval, case organization and expeditious, efficient and economical communication by and amongst counsel, the parties will utilize the services of LexisNexis File & Serve and its litigation system for providing electronic service, storage and delivery of court-filed and discovery related documents through a secure website for the Chinese Drywall Cases.
3. The presiding judge in the Chinese Drywall Cases will issue an Electronic Service Order specifically setting forth the terms and conditions to be followed whenever service is required pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, applicable Local Rules, Administrative Orders of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and other pertinent statutes, rules and court orders.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of November, 2009.

JOEL H. BROWN, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA