

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

**CASE NO. 12-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 12-04**

**IN RE: SECURITY BY-PASS PILOT
PROGRAM FOR ATTORNEYS AT
RICHARD E. GERSTEIN JUSTICE
BUILDING**

WHEREAS, jurors, litigants, witnesses, and other interested persons in the general public (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "General Public") attending court proceedings at the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building ("REG"), enter REG through three (3) magnetometers in the main entrance, located on NW 12th Street, and one (1) magnetometer in the north entrance on NW 13th Street; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the undersigned by Administrative Judge Bertila Soto, Circuit Criminal Division, and Administrative Judge Sam Slom, County Criminal Division, that due to the long lines at REG, the General Public is often significantly delayed in entering REG, thereby resulting in their inability to timely attend court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, such delay results in the General Public standing outdoors in climate conditions that are oftentimes adverse; and

WHEREAS, consequently, the tardiness or absence of the General Public at court proceedings adversely affects the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ameliorate the consequences of the long lines for the General Public, it is proposed that the General Public be allowed access to the REG through the designated attorney lane located in the rear entrance on NW 13th Street; and

WHEREAS, in view of the long lines and the aforementioned attendant consequences, particularly regarding the timely and appropriate disposition of cases, it is hereby agreed by Administrative Judge Soto, Administrative Judge Slom, and the undersigned to implement a pilot program (hereinafter referred to as the "Security By-Pass Pilot Program"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 2.215(b)(3), Judicial Administration Rules, the chief judge shall develop an administrative plan, that, inter alia, is capable of effecting the prompt disposition of cases;

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

1. The Security By-Pass Pilot Program is hereby authorized commencing March 1, 2012, nunc pro tunc, whereby:
 - a. Commencing on March 1, 2012 active members of The Florida Bar ("Member(s)") were allowed to and will continue to by-pass the public screening check points at the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building, provided the Member's Application ("Application") is approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Member's criminal background check conducted by the AOC is satisfactory.
 - b. Upon the approval of the Application and the criminal background clearance, Members shall be issued a Security Access Identification Badge ("Badge") by the AOC to be produced upon entering REG. Failure to produce the Badge will require the Member to be subject to security screening.
 - c. Members will be randomly screened at the security check points to determine if they are in possession of weapons. Should there be a discovery of a weapon, the Security By-Pass Pilot Program can be immediately terminated for all Members participating in the Program.
 - d. Commencing on September 4, 2012, jurors, litigants, witnesses, and other interested persons in the general public will be allowed to enter REG through the rear entrance.
2. The committee established by the undersigned shall evaluate the success of the Security By-Pass Program and provide written recommendations to the undersigned by December 31, 2012 regarding the continuation or termination of the Program.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 21st day of August, 2012.

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