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New American with Disabilities Requirement, Effective May 20, 2010

The Florida Supreme Court recently entered SC09-1487, Amendments to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.540. In this rule, the current Notices to Persons with Disabilities has been changed to read: "Requests for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities." In addition, the court has changed the amount of time a defendant has to request accommodations. Lastly, the court has also mandated the font type and size for this notice as it should appear on applicable court documents. The new requirements and notice language appears below:

All notices of court proceedings to be held in a public facility, and all process compelling appearance at such proceedings, shall include the following statement in bold face, 14-point Times New Roman or Courier font:

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Please refer to the Florida Supreme Court website for more information at: <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org> for more information on this change.