

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 12.707-1/22

IN RE: ORDER PERMITTING CLERK TO INSPECT NON-PUBLIC  
FILES AFTER FLOODING

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**THIS MATTER** came before the Court upon the request of the Clerk and Comptroller. On or about Friday, January 14, 2022, the Circuit's North County Courthouse was partially flooded. Certain areas of the North County Courthouse utilized by the Clerk of the Court for the storage of non-public, confidential court records suffered water damage. The Clerk of the Court now seeks permission to open and inspect any files potentially damaged by this water incident.

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

1. The Clerk of the Court, or a deputy clerk, is hereby authorized to open and access any paper court file that is sealed or otherwise made non-public, whether by operation of law or court order, and which is located in the affected areas of the North County Courthouse, for the purpose of inspecting said physical records for damage.
2. The Clerk, or deputy clerk, shall reseal the file immediately upon completion of their inspection, with the date and time of the unsealing clearly noted in the file along with the initials of the deputy clerk. The Clerk will also provide a log to the Chief Judge detailing any records discovered to be permanently damaged.

**DONE and ORDERED**, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022



Glenn Kelley  
Chief Judge