

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2.209-09/19

IN RE: COURTHOUSE ACCESS

Article V, section 14, subsection (c) of Florida Constitution as well as section 29.008, Florida Statutes, assigns the responsibility for funding the security of the Court's facilities to the County. Section 43.26(2)(e), Florida Statutes, empowers the Chief Judge "[t]o do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts over which he or she is chief judge." Consistent with this statutory grant of power, Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(7) gives the Chief Judge the authority to "regulate the use of all court facilities," including the security of court facilities. Knight v. Chief Judge of Florida's Twelfth Judicial Circuit, 235 So. 3d 996, 999 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017).

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

1. Open access to the court's facilities by the judges, magistrates, trial court administrator, and general counsel of the Circuit is required for the efficient operations of the Court. The Circuit's judges, magistrates, court administrator, and general counsel shall have access to the court's facilities twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
2. Access shall not be denied for any of person outlined in paragraph 1 unless the County Administrator confers with the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge agrees that access must be suspended due to a security or safety concern.
3. Access for any employee of the Circuit not addressed in paragraph 1 shall not be discontinued by the County without the Chief Judge's approval or the approval of the Chief Judge's designee.

 DONE and SIGNED, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this _____, day of September 2019.



Krista Marx
Chief Judge