

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3.401-9/08*


IN RE: "QUICK-TAKE" EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

It is the public policy of the state to expedite eminent domain proceedings. The instruction of special procedures regarding the scheduling of "quick-take" hearings would contribute to the realization of the state's policy,

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

1. The Clerk of Court shall maintain a separate rotation list of civil division judges which shall be utilized to assure random and even apportionment of eminent domain cases.
2. A public body intending to file an eminent domain action in which a "quick-take" procedure will be utilized, may -- prior to the time the case is filed -- file a pleading styled, "Notice of Intent to File Eminent Domain Proceeding." The notice shall designate the proposed style of the case, the street address of the land sought to be condemned and the names and addresses of the owners/proposed defendants. A copy of the authorizing public document/resolution shall be attached as an exhibit to the notice.
3. The Clerk of Court, upon receiving the notice of intent, shall randomly select a judge from the eminent domain rotation list and shall disclose the judge's name by marking it on the notice of intent.
4. Counsel for the condemning authority may then take a copy of the notice of intent to the designated judge's judicial assistant and obtain the date of the court's next non-jury calendar scheduled not less than ninety (90) days from the date of the filing of the notice of intent. The judicial assistant shall add the proposed eminent domain case to the non-jury calendar and the "quick-take" hearing shall receive priority over all other non-emergency matters.

DONE and **SIGNED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 29 day of September, 2008.


Kathleen J. Kroll
Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 3.006-9/92