

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY,
FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO:
12-10-S

**IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
COURTHOUSE RESTRICTIVE AREAS FOR PUBLIC PROTESTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the chief judge's constitutional and statutory responsibility for administrative supervision of the courts within the circuit and to create and maintain an organization capable of effecting the efficient, prompt, and proper administration of justice for the citizens of the State, the chief judge is required to exercise direction, *see* Fla.R.Jud.Admin. 2.215(b)(2), (b)(3); and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safe and orderly use of court facilities, and to minimize activities which unreasonably disrupt, interrupt, and interfere with the fair and orderly conduct of court business, and the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business in a neutral forum free of actual or perceived partiality; and

WHEREAS, recent events in Seminole County, Florida, have sparked demonstrations and other expressive conduct on some of the grounds of the three (3) courthouses serving the courts in Seminole County, Florida, which if unrestricted can lead to interference with the ingress and egress of persons appearing in court at said courthouses for exercising their lawful rights and

WHEREAS, restriction upon expressive conduct and lawful assembly to express grievances outside of these courthouses is necessary to serve the State's compelling interest to allow unrestricted access to said courthouses, and

WHEREAS, any such restriction must be narrowly drawn to achieve that end; and

WHEREAS, such regulation is a proper exercise of the Court's inherent authority to take supervisory and administrative actions necessary to implement its judicial functions; and

WHEREAS, the power of courts to punish for contempt is of immemorial antiquity, and is inherent in all courts as a necessary power belonging to them in order to enable them to accomplish the purposes for which they were designed; that is, the orderly trial and decision of causes, the enforcement of public order, the prevention of interferences with their proceedings, and the enforcement of the due respect belonging to them as institutions of the country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alan A. Dickey, in order to facilitate the efficient administration of justice, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, hereby order the following, effective **immediately**, and to continue until further order:

1. Any person seeking to engage in oral protest, display a sign to express his or her opinion as to any subject, or otherwise wishing to express an opinion on any subject, on the grounds of any of the courthouses in Seminole County, Florida shall be restricted to conducting such activity in the areas described in this order.
2. Under no circumstances shall anyone interfere with the rights of any other person to lawfully enter and leave any of the three (3) courthouses in Seminole County, Florida.
3. The areas within which all expressive conduct is restricted are as follows:
 - a. At the **Seminole County Criminal Justice Center**, 101 Bush Blvd., Sanford, Florida, 32773, the designated protest area is approximately 100' from the front door, within the grassy area surrounding the fountain, east toward the retention pond, not to encroach on the thoroughfares in the parking lot or any parking spaces or any of the main entrance and exit doors to the building.
 - b. At the **Seminole County Juvenile Justice Center**, 190 Bush Blvd., Sanford, Florida, 32773, the designated protest area is the sidewalks along Bush Blvd. and the grassy area southeast of the Juvenile Justice Center between Bush Blvd. and fifteen (15) feet east of the main entrance of the Juvenile Justice Center not to include the parking lot.
 - c. At the **Seminole County Civil Courthouse**, 301 North Park Ave., Sanford, Florida, 32771, the designated protest area is the sidewalks along North Park Ave., East Seminole Blvd., and North Hood Ave. Protesters may not encroach on the walkways on the east and west main entry doors from the sidewalks to the building, or the reserved employee parking lot located on the south side of the building.
4. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, The Sanford Police Department, or any other law enforcement agency is authorized to advise anyone who is engaging in activity described herein in an area other than as described in this order to cease and desist immediately and remove themselves to the restricted area if they wish to peacefully protest after giving such person or persons a copy of this order. The law enforcement agency is also authorized to separate any demonstrators with conflicting points of view to different parts of the restricted area.
5. Anyone who is observed continuing to engage in such conduct as contemplated by this order after receiving a copy of this order and being instructed to cease and desist by law

enforcement may face indirect civil contempt of court proceedings. If found to be in contempt of court penalties include confinement, fine or both.

DONE and ORDERED at Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, this 3rd day of April, 2012.

ALAN A. DICKEY
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CHIEF JUDGE

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