

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

In re Amendments to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration

No. SC2024-1778 (Fla. Sept. 11, 2025) · No. SC2024-1778 · Decided November 13, 2025

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Florida amended Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, 2.265, and 2.430. The amendments address publication and availability of local court rules and administrative orders, remove provisions concerning municipal-ordinance court costs and collection of outstanding fines that are governed by statute, and update terminology and retention requirements for electronic court records. The corrected opinion was issued September 11, 2025, and the amendments become effective December 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Chief Justice Muñoz; Justice Canady; Justice Labarga; Justice Couriel; Justice Grosshans; Justice Francis; Justice Sasso
JURISDICTION	Florida
DECIDED	November 13, 2025
DOCKET	SC2024-1778
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original rulemaking proceeding in which the Florida Bar's Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee proposed amendments to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, 2.265, and 2.430.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published rulemaking opinion of the Supreme Court of Florida; authoritative as to the amended Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- municipal law
- ordinances
- public utilities

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Florida should amend Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, 2.265, and 2.430 as proposed by the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee.
2. Whether the amendments should become effective on December 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Florida amended rules 2.215, 2.265, and 2.430 as reflected in the appendix to the opinion.
2. The amendments become effective December 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court hereby amends the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration as reflected in the appendix to this opinion.” (-2)

“The amendments to the rules shall become effective December 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.” (-2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Florida Bar's Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee filed a report proposing amendments to rules governing trial court administration, municipal ordinance violations, and retention of court records. The proposal was published for comment, and one comment was received, prompting revisions by the Committee. The Supreme Court adopted the revised amendments.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Committee published its proposed amendments for comment, and the Supreme Court of Florida separately published the proposal for comment. The Court received one comment, after which the Committee amended the proposal. The Court adopted the amended proposals and ordered that they become effective December 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

DISPOSITION

other