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BOB INZER, CLERK OF COURTS

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #: 2002-17

IN RE: PAYMENT OF CIVIL FILING FEES

WHEREAS, Sections 28.241 & 34.041, Florida Statutes, require parties instituting civil actions to pay to the Clerk of Court a service charge,

WHEREAS, some parties are filing civil cases without paying the service charges required by the above statutes,

WHEREAS, Chapter 29, Florida Statutes, provides that "[a]ll funding for the court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts shall be provided by adequate and appropriate filing fees for judicial proceedings and service charges and costs for performing court-related functions," see also Article V, Section 14, Florida Constitution; it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. Unless the party instituting a civil action has been found insolvent under Sections 57.081 or 57.085, Florida Statutes, the party shall pay the filing fees noted in Section 28.241 & 34.041, Florida Statutes, when filing the documents instituting a civil action with the Clerk.
2. If the filing fees are not paid at the time documents instituting a civil action are filed with the Clerk, the Clerk's Office will return the documents.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, on November 4th, 2002.



WILLIAM L. GARY
Chief Judge

