

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULE
OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION - NEW RULE 2.340

CASE NO. SC15-497

COMMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES

The Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges, through its undersigned president and pursuant to the request for comments received from the Florida Supreme Court, files the following comments to the proposed rule on judicial robes.

The Conference does not see any need for implementation of the proposed rule. The Conference is not aware of any instances in which the use of judicial robes other than black robes without embellishments has been detrimental to the administration of justice, nor any inappropriate circumstances which it believes would be curtailed by the proposed rule.

However, if the Supreme Court decides to implement the proposed rule, members of the conference have raised concerns that the rule needs to clearly define "embellishments", since collars, lapel pins, jewelry, and other items occasionally worn by judges with their robes could be considered embellishments.



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