

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

LOCAL RULE 2B

IN RE:

ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF DRAWING
JURY VENIRE PURSUANT TO 40.225,
FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, the source of jury selection in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida is defined by Chapter 40, Florida Statutes.

WHEREAS, the source list for jury selection shall be certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County (the "Clerk").

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Technology Department is designated the official custodian of the computer files to be used in the selection of petit and grand juries and shall at all times be charged with seeing that the files and equipment to be used in such selection are not accessible to anyone other than those directly involved in the selection of venire as herein provided.

It is hereby RESOLVED:

A. The Clerk, in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 40.02(3), shall direct the Clerk's Technology Department to rebuild the Jury Master file in the following manner:

1. The source file that is used to create the Jury Master file in the IBM 3090 mainframe is maintained by the Office of Information Technology of Broward County. Upon completion of the creation of the Jury Master file, the source tape is copied to tape storage for the purpose of certification and is kept secure by the Clerk.

2. Upon the direction of the Chief Judge or his designee, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40.221 and Chapter 40.02(3), Florida Statutes, the Director of Jury Administration enters the jury requirements for a selection into his/her computer terminal. The Clerk approves all requirements prior to the selection process. The Clerk's Technology Department requests the Office of Information Technology to run the Jury Selection process based on a predefined schedule. All jurors previously deferred to the current selection date are added to the file. Once the deferrals are added to the file, the remainder of jurors needed from the Master file are randomly selected in accordance with random number generator (See Attachment A for random selection method). These jurors are added to the Jury Pool file which

contains the jurors summoned for the year. Following the selection process, summonses are produced, passed through a glue-folder and mailed.

B. Security is essential to the selection process. In order to control unauthorized personnel from entering the computer facility, electronic security measures are enforced using a key card. Individual key cards are monitored through a centralized database. All software applications are protected by a computerized password security system.

DONE AND ORDERED, in chambers in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 1st day of July, 2004.

/s/DALE ROSS
DALE ROSS, Chief Judge