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

Order Number 2013-50-Gen

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABISHING
PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER AS TO AUTOPSY RECORDS

(a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall "considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit."
(b) Chapter 406, Fla. Stat., governs the duties of medical examiners, including but not limited to, utilizing autopsy photos, video, or audio recordings.
(c) The Medical Examiner for Broward County presents to groups and organizations as to the results of reckless behavior or lectures on pathology as well as authoring articles and holding medical quality assurance/peer review conferences and seeks to use autopsy records.
(d) The Medical Examiner for Broward County requires an expedited procedure to secure authorization to use autopsy records which are otherwise confidential and exempt from public access pursuant to §406.135, Fla. Stat.
(e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:

(1) If the Medical Examiner for Broward County files an action to authorize his or her use of autopsy records for public dissemination it shall be assigned to the division for the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Criminal Division.
(2) Upon the filing of the action, the Medical Examiner for Broward shall provide a courtesy copy to the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Criminal Division so that an expedited hearing may be held unless the interested parties agree to waive the necessity of a hearing.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on

September 26, 2013.

/s/ Peter M. Weinstein
Peter M. Weinstein, Chief Judge