

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE:            **DESIGNATION OF  
                      BRANCH COURTHOUSES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
                          NO. 2.7  
                          - AMENDED -**

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**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution states that a Circuit or County Court may hold civil and criminal trials and hearings in any place within the territorial jurisdiction of the Court as designated by the Chief Judge; and

**WHEREAS**, the prompt disposition of cases in the Circuit and County Courts would best be achieved by bringing the courts closer to its officers and residents of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Cape Coral, Lee County, has petitioned the Chief Judge to hold court in Cape Coral and the caseload in said City warrants such; and

**WHEREAS**, Clewiston, Hendry County, warrants holding court therein for the convenience of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Immokalee, Collier County, warrants holding court therein for the convenience of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Englewood, Charlotte County, warrants holding Court therein for the convenience of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Murdock, Charlotte County, warrants holding Court therein for the convenience of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, warrants holding Court therein for the convenience of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County Justice Center is experiencing severe space limitations due to expanding growth; it is

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**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

(A) The following facility is designated as a branch Courthouse in and for Lee County, Florida:

1. **CAPE CORAL LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

(B) The following facility is designated as a branch Courthouse in and for Hendry County, Florida:

1. **HENDRY COUNTY SUB OFFICE FACILITY**

(C) The following facility is designated as a branch Courthouse in and for Collier County, Florida:

1. **IMMOKALEE BRANCH COURTHOUSE**

(D) The following facilities are designated as branch Courthouses in and for Charlotte County, Florida:

1. **CLERK'S FACILITY, 4318 N. Access Road, in Englewood**
2. **PORT CHARLOTTE CULTURAL CENTER**
3. **MURDOCK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

(E) The above-listed facilities are acceptable for holding criminal trials and hearings and for the receipt of any instruments deposited incident thereto, when consistent with the administrative procedures established by the Chief Judge.

(F) The following facility adjacent to the Lee County Justice Center is designated as a branch Courthouse in and for Lee County, Florida, for the purpose of holding Grand Jury proceedings:


1. **LEE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER ANNEX, 2000 Main Street, in Fort Myers.**

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(G) In accordance with Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.220(h)(3), the following facility adjacent to the Lee County Justice Center is designated as a branch Courthouse in and for Lee County, Florida, for the purpose of taking discovery depositions:

1. LEE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER ANNEX, 2000 Main Street, in Fort Myers.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, this 18 day of June, 2010.

  
G. Keith Cary  
Chief Judge

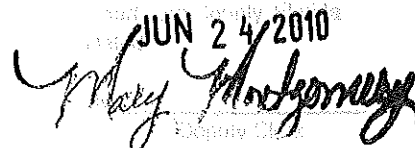
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