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To the Parties:

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COUNSEL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE AT ORAL ARGUMENT - In lieu of the previously furnished yellow card acknowledging receipt of the notice of oral argument, counsel for the parties are directed to e-mail this Court at oralargument@flcourts.org that they will be in attendance at the scheduled oral argument and whether they will give the argument for the party they represent. Please also advise how much argument time will be reserved for rebuttal, if entitled. If counsel, or the party represented, has a unique name, it is helpful to the Court to include in the e-mail a phonetic pronunciation of the name.

COUNSEL FOR THE PARTIES ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAR FOR ORAL ARGUMENT - If you anticipate any problem being present for oral argument on the date assigned, you should call this office within five days of the receipt of this notice. If we do not hear from you, the Court will expect you to appear for argument as scheduled.

DIVISION OF TIME - If there are multiple parties to a side, counsel for the parties on that side shall agree on a division of time. Similarly, if two or more cases are being argued on a consolidated basis, counsel for the parties on each side of the cases shall collectively agree on a division of time for that side.

PREPARATION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT - In preparing for your appearance before the Court, you should be conscious of the fact that the Justices have read all the briefs filed in this matter. Moreover, each Justice has on the bench a concise summary of the facts of the case. Counsel for the appellant or petitioner should, nevertheless, give a short, concise statement of the material facts and the points relied on for reversal.

MANUAL OF INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURES - A copy of this Court's Manual of Internal Operating Procedures is available by following the Clerk's Office link on the Supreme Court's Home Page on the Florida State Court's website (<http://www.flcourts.org>). Counsel are encouraged to review those portions of the manual which bear on the procedures for oral argument. Counsel should be aware that as of September 1, 2011, all oral argument cases scheduled Monday through Friday will begin at 9:00 a.m., ET, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JAT', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John A. Tomasino

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