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Re: E-filing of Garnishee Disclosures

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Dear Ms. Flores, Ms. Poole, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Tatum:

This letter is in response to your letter dated June 27, 2014 raising a number of issues. The issues will be dealt with in seriatim.

Your first concern was requiring e-filing, rather than paper filing, of a Garnishee Disclosure and the \$8.00 fee for e-filing and serving a Garnishee Disclosure. The Third Judicial Circuit is committed to e-filing and eliminating paper. The Court cannot honor your request to allow paper filings of Garnishee Disclosures. However, the Court will waive all fees for e-filing and serving a Garnishee Disclosure and will no longer charge an \$8.00 fee for e-filing and service.

The second concern that you raised is that the "[o]rder is not updated to e-filing. You did not identify the order. I inferred that you were talking about the Garnishee Disclosure approved by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) and identified as MC 14. I have requested our State Court Administrator, John Hohman, submit my request to the SCAO Forms Committee and amend the Garnishee Disclosure to read "I mailed, personally delivered or e-filed, where required, the original of this disclosure to the court." I also requested similar amendments regarding service of the plaintiff/attorney and defendant to the Garnishee Disclosure.

The third concern that you raised is that the Court E-filing User Guides and Guidelines refers to an attorney or a pro-se individual and that a non-party employer filing a Garnishee Disclosure, would not fall in either category. Our system allows a non-party, like a bank or an employer, to file a Garnishee Disclosure in a case.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.  
Chief Judge Third Judicial Circuit Court

RJC/k  
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