



Florida Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied Act

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Re: Request to sponsor a clear deadline for rulings in family-court matters

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied Act.

Florida's court-administration rules require judges to rule within a reasonable time and to report matters held under advisement for more than 60 days. In family cases involving time-sharing, support, enforcement, or protection, even a much shorter delay can destabilize children, prolong separation, increase fees, and leave families unable to plan.

This proposal would require a ruling within 10 business days after a family-law hearing or trial is concluded, or within 7 business days after authorized post-hearing submissions are complete, whichever is later. If extraordinary circumstances make that deadline impracticable, the judge would issue a brief written extension explaining the reason and provide regular status updates until the ruling is entered. The measure should include a practical review mechanism through the chief judge and preserve priority for emergencies and complex matters.

Clear deadlines and transparent extensions would promote timely decisions while respecting legitimate judicial workload and case complexity. Please consider sponsoring this reform and coordinating it with the Florida Supreme Court's rulemaking authority. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff. Respectfully submitted,

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YOUR STREET ADDRESS

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