

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIRD DISTRICT, 2001 S.W. 117<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, MIAMI, FL 33175

April 11, 2018

**CASE NO.: 3D18-0419**

REX E. RUSSO

v. MARY CAY BLANKS, CLERK, ETC.,

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Appellant / Petitioner(s)

Appellee / Respondent(s)

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT:**

ORDERED that within ten (10) days of this order petitioner shall file a response with this Court and show cause why this mandamus proceeding should not be dismissed as premature because petitioner did not direct his request for “administrative records” to the proper custodian, the Chief Judge of the Third District Court of Appeal, who has not been served or made a party to this proceeding. Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(b)(3) (“The custodian of all administrative records of any court is the chief justice or chief judge of that court.”); Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(m)(1) (requiring that a request for judicial branch records must be in writing and directed to the custodian). Dismissal would be without prejudice for petitioner to submit a proper request in writing and, if necessary, to then seek review in the proper forum – the court having “appellate jurisdiction to review the decisions of the judge denying access.” Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(l)(2) (providing for review of denials of requests for records).

Served:

cc: Rex E Russo

Clerk Third District Court of  
Appeal

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**LONN WEISSBLUM, Clerk**  
Fourth District Court of Appeal

