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Southwest Florida process server board dissolved

Judge decides its work will go to staff

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1:10 A.M. — The chief judge of Southwest Florida’s judicial circuit has dissolved the civilian advisory board that reviewed certification for private process servers.

Chief Judge G. Keith Cary issued an administrative order Wednesday saying that, from now on, court administrators will handle the work previously done by the 20th Circuit Certified Process Server Review Board.

The board formed three years ago when Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott decided to stop his certification program for the process servers, whose job is to find people and present them with court papers, such as a notice of a foreclosure lawsuit.

Under Florida law, sheriffs and chief circuit judges have the authority to set up a certification program.

Cary said he established the board because he didn’t have the staff to run the program at that time.

Process server Ernie Averill, who was chairman of the board, said he has no objection to the change.

“It’s a lot of work,” he said, and with 125 process servers to keep track of, “It’s the size now where a professional paid staff should do it.”

Process server Randy Scott, a frequent critic of the board because of what he said were potential conflicts of interest for board members, said he never intended to push for the board to be abolished.

“That wasn’t the goal,” Scott said. “The intent of my involvement wasn’t to tear down any individuals or board. It was to pursue an open government.”

There’s no statewide regulation of the process server industry. Some sheriffs and circuits have certification programs and some don’t, with the result that some process servers are regulated by both, some by one or the other and some by neither, said Bob Musser, president of the Florida Association of Professional Process Servers.

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He favors putting a state agency in charge of certification, but said he doesn't expect the state Legislature to do that anytime soon.

North Miami Beach process server John Julien was elected to the state House of Representatives and has filed a bill requiring gated communities and condominiums to give access to private process servers.

That's sometimes necessary for justice to be done, he said. "Someone who lives in a lower socio-economic part of town doesn't have a gate he can hide behind."



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