

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NEW LAW PROTECTS CLERKS OF COURT AND COURT PERSONNEL FROM THREATS OR HARASSMENT

Effective October 1, 2023, Clerks of Court, Clerk personnel, or a family member of any such person, are protected against persons who knowingly and willingly threaten them with death or bodily harm or harass them with intent to intimidate or coerce them to perform, or refrain from performing, their lawful duty.

Any person who knowingly and willfully threatens or harasses a Clerk of Court, Clerk personnel, or a family member of any such person, may be charged with a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in sections 775.082 or 775.083, Florida Statutes. Further, a second or subsequent violation of threatening a Clerk, Clerk personnel, or a family member of any such person, may result in third-degree felony charges, punishable as provided in sections 775.082, 775.083, or 775.084, Florida Statutes.

Scan the QR Code or visit the web page below to read the full text of section 836.12 of Florida Statutes.

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2023/836.12>



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