

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO:

Petitioner(s),
vs.

Defendant(s).
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**STANDING ORDER IN COUNTY CIVIL CASES IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

PURSUANT to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.200(a), Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545, AOSC 20.23 Amendment10, and Administrative Order 1.13 as amended entered by the Chief Judge of this Circuit, the parties are ordered to adhere to the following information and procedures applicable to civil lawsuits in the County Court excluding Small Claims:

1. **SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.** The Plaintiff is directed to serve a copy of this order with attachment "A" Case Management Plan with each Summons issued in this case. One copy of this Order is to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court with proof of service. The Plaintiff shall pay the appropriate statutory clerk's fees on copies for each Standing Order issued and attached to the Summons.

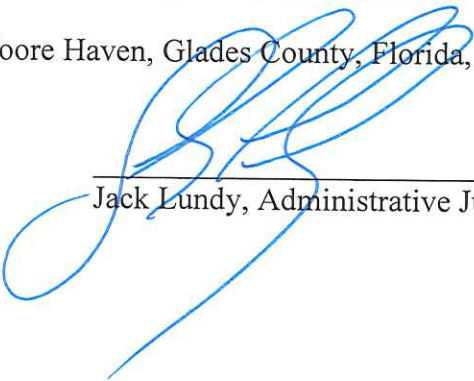
2. **CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.** The Supreme Court of Florida has established guidelines and directives for the prompt processing and resolution of civil cases and the issuance of a case management plan. This Court has adopted a case management system to help meet those guidelines. In contested cases (other than Small Claims and eviction cases), the parties are required to participate in the case management system. In order to meet these guidelines and directives the Court hereby issues the Case Management Plan attached hereto as Attachment A. Should it become necessary to amend this plan during the course of the case the parties may submit an agreed amended plan along with the reasons for an amended plan to the Court for consideration. The Agreed Case Management Plan may be accessed at the Court's website at: <http://www.ca.cjis20.org/web/main/civil.asp>.

3. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR).** ADR provides parties with an out-of-court alternative to settling disagreements. The Court requires the parties to participate in ADR prior to trial. Mediation is mandatory unless the parties agree to another form of ADR. Mediation is a conference at which an independent third party attempts to arrange a settlement between the parties. The Court may on its own motion or the motion of the parties refer a case to non-binding arbitration. Non-binding Arbitration a process in which the Court refers a case to a registered arbitrator or panel of arbitrators who will hear evidence and make an award which may become a final judgement in the case if an objection, Motion for Trial DeNovo, is not filed.

4. **Failure to Prosecute.** The Court will issue an Order of Intent to Dismiss a case if there is no record activity within a ten month period of time.

5. **RULES OF PROFESSIONALISM.** The Twentieth Judicial Circuit has adopted Administrative Order 2.20, which sets forth standards of professional courtesy and conduct for all counsel or pro-se litigants practicing within the Circuit. The Court requires that all familiarize themselves and comply with Administrative Order 2.20. Administrative Order 2.20 may be viewed on the Court's website at: http://www.ca.cjis20.org/web/main/ao_admin.asp

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Moore Haven, Glades County, Florida, on April 29, 2021.



Jack Lundy, Administrative Judge

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Plaintiff(s),

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COUNTY CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The parties shall comply with the below Case Management Plan:

Case Track Assignment¹:

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Expedited Track (Case to be resolved within 12 months of filing):

(It is recommended that discovery and an alternative dispute resolution be completed within 270 days after the complaint is filed and a final disposition entered within 365 days after the complaint is filed)

Standard Track (Case to be resolved within 18 months of filing):

(It is recommended that discovery and an alternative dispute resolution be completed within 450 days after the complaint is filed and a final disposition entered within 540 days after the complaint is filed)

Complex Track (Case to be resolved within 2 years of filing):

(Case will likely be declared complex per Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.201)

Case Deadlines and Events

<i>DEADLINE OR EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Statement of Facts and/or Counterclaim(s)	180 days prior to trial
Identification of facts the parties believe to be disputed	90 days prior to trial
Identification of the issues of law to be decided by the Court	90 days prior to trial
Motions to Add Parties or to Amend Pleadings	180 days prior to trial
Disclosure of Fact Witnesses	180 days prior to trial
Disclosure of Expert Witnesses	180 days prior to trial
Filing of Exhibit List	60 days prior to trial

¹ Case disposition times for all Case Tracks have been established in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.250(a)(1)(B). Although Standard and Complex Track cases may or may not be resolved with a jury trial, it is expected that Expedited Track cases will be resolved without a jury trial.

<i>DEADLINE OR EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Expert Opinion Available to Opposing Party	120 days prior to trial
Discovery Deadline for Expert Witnesses	60 days prior to trial
Completion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	60 days prior to trial, unless waived by the Court.
Deadline for Filing Dispositive Motions (Court requires filing not later than 10 days prior to the pretrial conference)	60 days prior to trial. Must be heard not later than 30 days prior to commencement of trial period.
Pretrial/Trial Conference Date	An Order will be issued by the Court scheduling the Pretrial/Trial Conference.

Trial Information

Estimated Date the Case Will Be Prepared To Go To Trial. This is the estimated time the case should be ready for trial based on the Expedited Track and upon which all deadlines are based.	Expedited Track deadline is 12 months from date <u>initial</u> Complaint was filed.
Estimated Length of Trial	No more than 3 days. If more than 3 days are needed, the court shall be notified in writing prior to or at the pretrial conference.
Identification of Jury or Non-Jury Trial	Either party shall file a Notice for Trial immediately upon the case being at issue indicating jury or non-jury and length of trial.

The above-referenced schedule of deadlines will be strictly adhered to by the parties unless a change is otherwise agreed to by the parties and approved by the Court. The Court will consider a request to approve changes to these deadlines upon a showing of good cause by either party based on matters arising from an emergency nature or unavailability. However, procrastination in the completing of discovery of counsel will not constitute good cause for a change to these deadlines. The failure to abide by these deadlines may result in sanctions by the Court, including the award of attorney's fees, the striking of pleadings, and/or a dismissal of the action.

DONE AND ORDERED in Moore Haven, Glades County, Florida on April 29, 2021.



Jack Lundy, County Judge