

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Case No: _____ - CA- _____

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Defendant(s).

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STANDING CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court pursuant to Fla.R.Civ.Proc. 1.200; Fla.R.Jud.Admin. 2.545; and AOSC20-23, Amendment 12; and the Court having determined that it is necessary to establish certain deadlines and timelines to ensure the prompt processing and just resolution of Civil Law cases, issues the following Case Management Order:

1. Case Differentiation.

Complex Civil Cases: Cases designated by Court Order as Complex Cases under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.201 shall proceed as provided in said Rule.

Streamlined Civil Cases: Non-Jury civil cases anticipated to have a trial length of less than two (2) days, and not likely to: (a) involve numerous pre-trial motions, or (b) pre-trial management of a large number of witnesses or a substantial amount of documentary evidence may be designated as Streamlined Cases.

General Civil Cases: Includes all cases that are not designated by Court Order as Complex or Streamlined.

All Civil Law cases shall be deemed “General Civil Cases” unless the presiding Judge has entered a separate Order designating the Civil Law case as Complex or Streamlined.

2. Timelines and deadlines for Streamlined and General Civil Cases.

a. Service of Complaints and Service Under Extensions. Plaintiff shall serve the initial process and initial pleadings on a Defendant within 120 days of filing the initial pleadings directed to that Defendant as provided by Fla.R.Civ.Proc. 1.070. If service of the initial

process and pleadings is not made upon a Defendant within 30 days after expiration of the initial 120 days, the action may be dismissed without prejudice or the Defendant dropped as a party unless a Motion and Statement of Good Cause are filed by the Plaintiff and the matter is heard by the Court prior to the expiration on the 30 days after the initial 120 days. The Court may dismiss the action or grant additional time.

b. Adding New Parties. New parties may be added as provided by Fla.R.Civ.Proc. 1.250(c) and Rule 1.210(a), and on such terms are just.

c. Mediation. Mediation is REQUIRED in all civil cases unless waived by the presiding Judge and shall be completed no later than the Pre-Trial Conference. The presiding Judge may issue a separate Order of mediation direction completion of mediation by a specific deadline. Plaintiff's counsel shall insure that all fees and costs of mediation have been paid before distribution of any settlement proceeds. If the case is to proceed to trial, these expenses shall be satisfied prior to the trial date. The Mediator shall provide the Court with a Mediation Report at least 5 days before the Pre-Trial Conference, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Discovery process is not suspended by the Court's Order of Mediation.

d. Completion of Discovery. Counsel shall complete all Discovery, including independent medical examinations, at least 15 days before the Pre-Trial Conference. The conduct of Discovery subsequent to the Pre-Trial Conference shall be permitted only on Order of the Court for good cause shown.

e. Resolution of Motions and Objections to Pleadings. ALL Motions and objections to pleadings, including motions-in-limine, shall have been filed, scheduled, and heard prior to the Pre-Trial Conference. No Motion will be heard at or after the Pre-Trial Conference absent compelling circumstances and consent of the Court. All Motions not heard by the Pre-Trial Conference shall be deemed abandoned.

3. Trial Dates. Trials for Streamlined and General Civil Cases are projected to occur within the timeline established by Rule 2.250. Within 30 days of a Notice of Trial at Issue, a separate Uniform Order Setting Cause for Trial and Pre-Trial Conference will be issued by the presiding Judge establishing firm Discovery, Trial and Pre-Trial dates and deadlines along with Pre-Trial and Trial instructions. The dates and deadlines set forth in the Uniform Order Setting Cause for Trial and Pre-Trial Conference shall supersede any dates and deadlines contained in this Standing Civil Case Management Order.

4. Service on Defendants. The Plaintiff or Petitioner must serve a copy of this Standing Civil Case Management Order with the Summons and the Complaint/Petition on any Defendant not served with process prior to the filing of this Order.

5. Rule 2.545, Rule 2.250, and Professional Obligation Compliance. Lawyers and Judges have a professional obligation to conclude litigation as soon as it is reasonably and justly possible to do so. Accordingly, the deadlines and timelines established herein and in any subsequent Orders, and Rule 2.545 and Rule 2.250 will be strictly enforced.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, DDDD

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