

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

STANDING CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

[Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.200]

THIS ACTION is before the court for case management pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.200. Therefore, it is **ADJUDGED** that:

1. This case is provisionally designated as a general civil case.
2. **TRIAL DATE**: The projected date for a non-jury trial shall be the first regular trial term taking place one year from a) the date of initial process on the last defendant or b) 120 days after commencement of the action, whichever occurs first. The projected date for a jury trial shall be the first regular trial term taking place eighteen months from a) the date of initial process on the last defendant or b) 120 days after commencement of the action, whichever occurs first. The presiding judge will enter an order scheduling pretrial conference and trial for a date certain after scheduling a case management conference. The trial term dates for each civil division are published on the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court website at <https://circuit8.org/court-calendars/master-calendars/>. In county court cases, any case redesignated by the trial court as a streamlined case, in cases where the parties request it, or in any other case the trial court deems it appropriate, the trial date may be adjusted to take place sooner. Judges shall apply a firm continuance policy allowing continuances only for good cause shown.
3. **SERVICE OF COMPLAINTS**: Service of complaints should be completed within 120 days of filing. See Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.070(j).

4. **SERVICE UNDER EXTENSIONS:** For good cause shown, deadlines for extensions to serve process upon defendants shall be at the discretion of the trial judge. See Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.070(j).
5. **ADDING NEW PARTIES:** Requests for the addition of new parties shall be filed within 180 days of filing the complaint.
6. **COMPLETION OF FACT DISCOVERY:** Fact discovery shall be completed 75 days prior to the trial date set forth above.
7. **COMPLETION OF EXPERT DISCOVERY:** Expert discovery shall be completed 75 days prior to the trial date set forth above.
8. **FILING AND SERVICE OF MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT:** Motions for summary judgment shall be filed and served a minimum of 90 days prior to the pretrial conference and shall be scheduled for hearing immediately upon filing.
9. **FILING AND RESOLUTION OF ALL OBJECTIONS TO PLEADINGS:** Objections to pleadings shall be filed and resolved a minimum of 30 days prior to the pretrial conference.
10. **FILING AND RESOLUTION OF ALL PRETRIAL MOTIONS:** All pretrial motions shall be filed and resolved a minimum of 30 days prior to the pretrial conference.
11. **GOOD FAITH CONFERRAL:** Prior to filing any motion, counsel filing the motion shall confer with the opposing party in a good faith effort to resolve the issues raised in the motion. The motion shall include a certificate of conferral which complies with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.202(b).

12. **COMPLETION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**: The parties shall conclude either non-binding arbitration or mediation at least 90 days prior to the trial date set forth above.

13. Deadlines established herein shall be strictly enforced unless changed by court order. See Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.200(e). Lawyers must strictly comply with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(a), which requires lawyers to conclude litigation as soon as it is reasonably and justly possible to do so. This order may be modified when the case is scheduled for trial. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.440.

ORDERED in Alachua County, Florida, on January 9, 2025.



Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge
on behalf of all presiding Eighth Circuit civil judges

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have read and will comply with the foregoing standing order and shall cause it to be filed and served, contemporaneously with the complaint, on all named defendants.

Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel

Date