

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN  
AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STANDING ORDER ESTABLISHING PRETRIAL PROCEDURE FOR SMALL  
CLAIMS BEFORE THE HONORABLE LORI COTTON  
AND ORDER FOR MEDIATION**

**THIS COURT**, pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.545, having determined the need to facilitate an orderly progression of all small claims cases coming before it, it is

**ORDERED:** All parties appearing for a small claims pretrial conference pursuant to Fla. R. Sm. Cl. 7.090(b) shall be referred to mediation if the parties are unable to resolve their respective cases at said conference.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** in chambers, Marion County Judicial Center, Ocala, Florida, on this 3rd day of June 2021.

  
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**LORI COTTON**  
County Court Judge