

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

IN RE: STANDING ORDER FOR DIFFERENTIAL
ACTIVE CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT

**STANDING ORDER FOR DIFFERENTIAL ACTIVE CIVIL
CASE MANAGEMENT FOR CITRUS COUNTY COURT**

In compliance with Florida Supreme Court directives on differential active civil case management established in Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-23, Amendment 12 and Fifth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2021-13 all parties in County Civil cases are bound by this Standing Case Management Order.

1. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

The Plaintiff is directed to serve a copy of this standing order, together with a copy of Administrative Order A-2021-13 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (collectively the "Order"), with each summons issued in County Civil Cases. One copy of the Order is to be filed with Clerk of the Court with proof of service.

2. PROJECTED TRIAL DATE

All **COUNTY Civil cases** are designated **STREAMLINED CASES** with a projected trial date of **360 days** from the date of filing of the complaint.

A change in this designation may be made by the presiding judge on the judge's own initiative or upon motion of any party. Should any party assert that a civil case should be treated other than designated above, such party shall file a written motion requesting such change and the motion shall be expeditiously resolved by the presiding Judge.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-13 REQUIRED

All parties are expected comply with the requirements contained in Administrative Order 2021-13 with particular attention to the Notice, Filing and Time requirements contained in that order.

4. NOTICE THAT CAUSE IS AT ISSUE AND FIRM TRIAL DATE

The parties **must file a *Joint Notice*** that the Cause is at issue **no later than 15 days after the pleadings are closed.** In the event of a dispute, either party may file a motion and request a hearing to determine if the cause is at issue.

5. MANDATORY DEADLINES FOR *STREAMLINED CASES*

If the case is designated as a **STREAMLINED CASE**, the following deadlines shall apply and, by directive of the Florida Supreme Court, must be strictly enforced unless good cause is shown for an exemption or as otherwise required by law:

120 days after filing	Service of Complaints
150 days after filing:	Service under any Extension of Time
180 days after filing:	Adding New Parties
210 days after filing:	Resolution of Objections to Pleadings and Motions to Dismiss
270 days after filing:	Completion of Fact and Expert Discovery
270 days after filing:	Resolution of Pretrial Motions, including Motions for Summary Judgment

6. MANDATORY DEADLINES FOR GENERAL CASES

If the case is designated as a GENERAL CASE, the following deadlines shall apply and, by directive of the Florida Supreme Court, must be strictly enforced unless good cause is shown for an exception or as otherwise required by law.

120 days after filing	Service of Complaints
180 days after filing:	Service under any Extension of Time
210 days after filing:	Adding New Parties
270 days after filing:	Resolution of Objections to Pleadings and Motions to Dismiss
400 days after filing:	Completion of Fact and Expert Discovery
450 days after filing:	Resolution of Pretrial Motions, including Motions for Summary Judgment

All GENERAL cases shall have a projected trial date of 540 days from the date of filing of the complaint.

7. MEDIATION

All parties must mediate unless excused by the court order for good cause shown or as otherwise required by law and in compliance with Rules of Civil Procedure 1.700 - 1.730.

8. NONCOMPLIANCE

By Order of the Florida Supreme Court, strict, good faith compliance with this Uniform Order for Active, Differential Civil Case Management is required unless good cause is shown for an exception or as otherwise required by law. These procedures and time standards do not supplant any existing rule, statute, or law.

Failure to appear at the pretrial conference or failure to comply with the terms of this order may result in such sanctions as are just and lawful including: an immediate ex parte hearing and entry of final judgment of default or dismissal, limitation of witnesses or other evidence, striking of claims or defenses, or imposition of attorney fees and costs.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers in Inverness,
Citrus County, Florida, this 1st day of March, 2023



EDWARD C. SPAIGHT
County Judge