

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

CASE NO.:

,

Plaintiff,

vs.

,

Defendant.

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DIFFERENTIATED CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the Court for review of the above-styled civil case by the presiding judge, and the Court being otherwise more fully informed,

IT IS THEREFORE,

ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The above-styled action is designated as a ☐ **Streamlined** ☐ **General** case type (check one box).
2. The following deadlines shall be observed:

Events	Streamlined Case Completion Periods	General Case Completion Periods
Service of Complaints	Within 120 days of filing of the complaint	Within 120 days of filing of the complaint
Service under Extensions	If extension for service granted, then within 240 days from the date of filing of complaint	If extension for service granted, then within 240 days from the date of filing of complaint

Addition of new parties	If extension for service granted, then within 240 days from the date of filing complaint	If extension for service granted, then within 240 days from the date of filing complaint
Completion of Fact and Expert Discovery	Within 270 days after the complaint is filed	Within 450 days after the complaint is filed
Objection to Case Differentiation	Within 30 days	Within 30 days
Filing and Service of Motions for Summary Judgment	Filing shall be any time after the expiration of 20 days from the commencement of the action Service at least 40 days before the time fixed for the hearing	Filing shall be any time after the expiration of 20 days from the commencement of the action Service at least 40 days before the time fixed for the hearing
Filing and Resolution of All Objections to pleadings	Within 45 days of filing	Within 45 days of filing
Filing and Resolution of all pre-trial motions	Prior to pre-trial conference	Prior to pre-trial conference
Completion of Alternative Dispute Resolution	Within 270 days after the complaint is filed	Within 450 days after the complaint is filed
Trial	12 Months	18 months

3. The deadlines established in this case management order, including actual and projected trial periods, shall be strictly enforced by the Court *unless changed by court order* pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.200(e).
4. Parties may submit an agreed order to extend a deadline if the extension does not affect the ability to comply with the remaining dates in this Case

Management Order. If extending an individual case management deadline may affect a subsequent deadline in this Order, parties must seek an amendment of the Order, rather than submitting a motion for extension of an individual deadline. Procrastination in completing discovery or the unavailability of counsel will not constitute good cause for a change to these deadlines. Failure to comply with deadlines may subject the parties to sanctions, including but not limited to, striking of discovery, witnesses, evidence, pleadings, imposition of attorney fees, and/or dismissal.

5. Warning as to Generative Artificial Intelligence:

a. An attorney may ethically utilize Generative Artificial Intelligence technologies but only to the extent that the lawyer can reasonably guarantee compliance with the lawyer's ethical obligations. See Florida Bar Ethics Opinion 24-1 (Jan. 19, 2024).

- Attorneys must comply with the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, including but not limited to: Rule 4-1.1 Competency, Rule 4-1.6 Confidentiality, Rule 4-5.1 Supervision, and Rule 4-5.3 Supervision of non-lawyers.
- Attorneys remain responsible for all their work product.

b. Pro-Se Litigants (self-represented parties): If you choose to use programs that rely on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) to prepare any document that is submitted to the Court, it should be checked carefully before filing with the Clerk. Generative AI based programs are not a substitute for competent legal counsel. While they may be useful, there is a risk that they may produce inaccurate arguments, false citations, or bad advice. A self-represented litigant has the duty to check the accuracy of anything they submit to the Court.

c. **Warning Regarding Rule 2.515(d)(2) Responsibilities**

By filing any pleading, motion, or other document with this Court, each signer represents that they have read the document, there are good grounds to support it, it is not interposed for delay, and **the legal authorities identified exist and are accurately cited**. These responsibilities apply regardless of whether artificial intelligence tools were used. Sanctions may be imposed for any filing inconsistent with these representations.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers Ocala, Marion County, Florida this _____
day of _____ 20____.

ROBERT W. HODGES
Circuit Court Judge