

9/12/23 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend

This list does not include the following types of cases: (1) Workers' Comp (OJCC); (2) garnishments, (3) foreclosures, (4) Probate, (5) misdemeanor citations, (6) any bankruptcy cases that might involve debts owed to Alachua County; or (7) employee procedures and Collective Bargaining Agreements.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Case Style</u>	<u>Attorney(s)</u>
1.	Pedro Alvarado, Plaintiff, vs. Gevan Bedeau, Alachua County, Florida, and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Defendants Case #2023-CA-1955	Robert C. Swain Diana Johnson

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee to defend Alachua County's interests in this case. The Plaintiff has filed this lawsuit for alleged personal injuries caused by an accident that occurred on or about January 20, 2023, which involved vehicles operated by the Plaintiff and an employee of Alachua County Fire Rescue. Alachua County was served with the Complaint on August 8, 2023. Under Alachua County Code 21.41(e), the County Attorney is able to prosecute and defend all legal action by and against the County as approved by the Board. Additionally, the County Attorney is authorized and directed to take such action as to protect the rights of the County in any legal action, pending an opportunity to request required approval of the Board.

2.	Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Stacy Smith, Respondent Case # to be assigned	Diana Johnson
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The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee to take legal action against Stacy Smith, currently residing in Alachua County. On August 20, 2023, pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, an Alachua County Animal Enforcement Officers lawfully removed two animals from the custody of Stacy Smith that were found to be neglected or cruelly treated, and a Petition for Relief was timely filed in the County Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida. The law requires such Petition to be filed within 10 days after the animals are seized. Under Alachua County Code 21.41(e), the County Attorney is authorized and directed to take such action on behalf of the County as to protect the rights of the County in any legal action or to seek emergency relief, pending an opportunity to request required approval of the Board.