

2/13/24 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.	Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Shawntavia L. Hunt, Respondent Case #2024-CC-0509	Diana Johnson Corbin Hanson

On January 17, 2024, following execution of a search warrant and under the authority given to animal enforcement officers pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, six dogs were lawfully seized from the property located 16912 SW Archer Road owned by Shawntavia Hunt. The conditions in which the animals were kept or housed did not meet the County standards under Alachua County sec. 72.10 and there was indication of a lack of proper and reasonable care of the animals and neglect and/or mistreatment. Ms. Hunt was found to be the owner of the animals. A Petition will be -- or already has been -- 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.

2.	John A. McKinley and Rosemary McKinley, Plaintiffs, vs. Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Defendant Case #2024-CA-0001	Bob Swain Diana Johnson
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The County Attorney seeks authority for her and her designee(s) to defend the County’s interests in this case. Plaintiffs have filed this lawsuit for alleged personal injuries caused by an accident that occurred on January 4, 2023, which involved a vehicle driven by Rosemary McKinley that John McKinley was a passenger in, and a vehicle operated by an employee of Alachua County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery. Alachua County was served with the Complaint on February 5, 2024. Under Alachua County Code 21.41(e), the County Attorney is authorized to prosecute and defend all legal actions by and against the County as approved by the Board.