

9/24/24 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</u>
1.	Jessica Law, Plaintiff, vs. Alachua County, Defendant Case #2024-CA-2434	Diana Johnson Corbin Hanson

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to defend the County’s interests in this case. Subsequent to a final dangerous dog determination, Plaintiff Jessica Law has filed a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, asking the Court to: (1) declare that the dangerous dog final determination is void; (2) enjoin Alachua Co. from requiring Plaintiff to comply with the dangerous dog restrictions; (3) declare that Sections 72.14(e)(1)(3) and 72.16(1)(g) of the Alachua County Animal Ordinance are unconstitutional and ultra vires; and (4) enjoin Alachua County from taking any measures to implement the dangerous dog provisions. Alachua County was served with the Complaint on August 26, 2024. 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.	Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Edward Lee Grimmage, Sr. and any other unknown occupants, Respondents. Case #: Not yet filed.	Diana Johnson Bob Swain
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The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to initiate legal action against Edward Lee Grimmage, Sr., a resident of Alachua County. The County is the owner of the property located at 2507 NE 70th Terrace, Gainesville, FL (parcel no. 17744-004-00) by way of an Escheatment Tax Deed. Mr. Grimmage is residing on the subject property without the authorization of the County. By filing this action, the County will seek to obtain possession of the property. Social services have been offered, and a pre-suit notice has been given. 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.

Total to file/serve: \$325. (\$185 filing fee + \$10 issue Summons + \$40 Service of Process + \$90 Writ of Possession)

3.	Alachua County, Plaintiff, vs. Abdel Khalil, Defendant <u>Case #: Not yet filed.</u>	Bob Swain Courtney Wilson
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The County Attorney seeks authority to initiate a small claims action against former Alachua County Fire Rescue employee, Abdel Khalil. During Mr. Khalil’s employment, Alachua County paid his tuition to attend a certification course related to his position. Mr.

