10/22/24 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.

No. Case Style Attorney

1. Keith Perry, Kimberly Hord, Jose Lopez, and Sharla Head, Petitioners, vs. Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, Defendants.

Case #2024-CA-3073

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The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to defend the County's interests in this case. On 9/24/24 Petitioners filed an Emergency Petition for Temporary Injunction to Enjoin Ballot Measure Slated for November 5, 2024, General Election. The relief requested: (1) immediate temporary injunction enjoining defendants from placing proposed ballot measure titled "Amending the County Charter to Provide for County Commissioner Elections on an At-Large Basis" on the 11/5/24 general election ballot; (2) declare that the BoCC's action in proposing the ballot measure violates Fla. Statutes §124.011(3)(a); (3) declare the proposed ballot language invalid because it conflicts with Fla. Statutes §124.011(9)(a); and (4) declare the proposed ballot language unconstitutional under Art. VIII § Fla. Const. 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.