

12/10/24 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.

1. Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Lynn Borelli, Respondent                      Corbin Hanson  
Case # 2024-CC-5869

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to take legal action against Lynn Borelli, a resident of Alachua County. On November 6, 2024, pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, an Alachua County Animal Enforcement Officer lawfully took an animal owned by Respondent. A petition seeking relief for custody of an animal 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 in the County Court within 10 days after an animal is 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. Peak Property and Casualty Insurance Corporation, Plaintiff,                      Bob Swain  
vs. Wilniria Perkins and Alachua County, et al., Defendants  
Case #2024-CC-5294

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to defend the County's interests in this case. Peak Property and Casualty Insurance Corporation has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment, seeking a court ruling against Wilniria Perkins for alleged false misrepresentation to obtain retroactive automobile insurance coverage for date of accident April 15, 2024, from which injuries and property damage occurred. Alachua County (o/b/o Alachua County Fire Rescue) is named as a defendant in this action because it may have a claim or interest that will be affected by the outcome. Alachua County was served with the Complaint on November 21, 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.