

2/11/25 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. Roselynn Cunningham, Plaintiff, vs. City of Hawthorne and Alachua County, Florida, Defendants
Case #2024-CA-4071
Bob Swain

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to defend the County's interests in this case. Plaintiff Roselynn Cunningham is suing for alleged injuries caused to her on July 1, 2023. On that date, Ms. Cunningham was walking on the sidewalk at SE 65th Avenue in Hawthorne when she tripped and fell on a broken manhole cover. Alachua County was served with the Complaint on January 14, 2025. 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.

2. Alachua County, Petitioner, vs. Irving King, Respondent
Case # TBD
Corbin Hanson

The County Attorney seeks authority for her designee(s) to take legal action against Irving King. On January 14, 2025, pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, Alachua County Animal Enforcement Officers lawfully took one animal in possession of Respondent at the Respondent's property located in Alachua County, Florida. A petition for relief for custody of animals has been filed in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida. 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.