

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. _____

_____ ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

_____ ,

Defendant.

_____ /

NOTICE OF FINAL EVIDENTIARY HEARING
FOR TENANT EVICTION BY ZOOM

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled matter has been set for a hearing before the Honorable Carla R. Pepperman, one of the Judges of the above-styled Court, on _____ at _____ a.m/p.m.
(Date of Hearing) *(Time of Hearing)*
or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard.

1. This hearing shall be held using the **ZOOM video call process** and all parties and counsel will need to be familiar with Zoom and have access to a telephone, webcam, laptop, or cellular telephone to participate in this hearing. **Please dress appropriately for this hearing, just as if you were appearing in person before the Court. A ZOOM invitation to participate in this hearing is attached.**
2. **IMPORTANT!** All attorneys, parties, and witnesses at the trial shall have the capability to **appear by video**, not merely audio. It is the responsibility of each party to ensure that their witnesses have that capability. The Court will not hear testimony by any witness, including a party, who is not present by video, so that the Court can assure that the witness is properly sworn, as well as to allow the Court to adequately assess the witness's demeanor.
3. Virtual hearings are **only recorded when required by Florida law**, and no party shall record the proceedings except the Court.
4. To submit prospective evidence for this hearing:

- a) **All prospective evidence must be printed out even if you have filed it into the Court case file.**
- b) All prospective evidence shall be provided to the Court and opposing party or counsel **no later than five (5) days prior** to the hearing. See (e) for address.
- c) Each submission must be identified by CASE NUMBER and identify which party is submitting the proposed evidence (ex. Plaintiff or Defendant).
- d) Evidence on **cell phones** (such as emails, texts and photographs) cannot be submitted into the Court unless they are **printed out**.
- e) **All prospective evidence must be mailed or hand-delivered** to the following address: **Carla R. Pepperman, County Judge, Lake County Courthouse, Suite 9, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778**; or may be **hand-delivered by courier** to: **Mail Receiving Center, Records Storage Facility, 313 South Bloxam Avenue, Tavares, FL 32778**.

5. **Corporate litigants** are reminded that they **MUST APPEAR** with counsel as required under Florida law. Szteinbaum v. Kaes Inversiones y Valores, 476 So. 2d 247, 248 (Fla. 3d DCA 1985) (“[i]t is well recognized that a corporation, unlike a natural person, cannot represent itself and cannot appear in a court of law without an attorney) (citing Nicholson Supply Co. v. First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hardee County, 184 So. 2d 438 (Fla. 2d DCA 1966)). No exceptions shall be made as it would constitute the unlicensed practice of law.

DATED this _____ day of _____.
(month, year)

(Signature of filer) Plaintiff or Defendant
(Circle one)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished at least **10 days prior to the hearing** by U.S.P.S. Certified Mail or other means with proof of service, to: **(please list name & address of party or parties to receive a copy below)**

this _____ day of _____.
(month, year)

(Signature of filer/person sending copies)

FOR CASE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (352) 742-4343 or 742-4145

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

“If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, P. O. Box 7800/550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, telephone (352) 742-4221, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.”

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING AN INTERPRETER

If an interpreter is needed, please place your request online with as much advance notice as possible, and no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled court hearing via the Fifth Circuit website:

<https://www.circuit5.org/programs-services/interpreting-services/>

Additional information on Court Interpreting Services is located at www.circuit5.org under the Programs & Services section.

Si necesita un intérprete, por favor solicite su pedido en línea con la mayor antelación posible, y no menos de diez (10) días antes de la audiencia programada, a través del sitio web del Quinto Circuito Judicial:

<https://www.circuit5.org/programs-services/interpreting-services/>

Puede encontrar información adicional sobre Servicios de Interpretación Judicial en www.circuit5.org bajo la sección Programs & Services.