

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION 'AA'

**IN RE: STANDING ORDER ON MOTIONS
FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

WHEREAS, Rule 1.525, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, governs costs and attorneys' fees, and provides that any party seeking a judgment taxing costs, attorneys' fees, or both shall serve a motion no later than 30 days after filing of the judgment, including a judgment of dismissal, or the service of a notice of voluntary dismissal, which judgment or notice concludes the action as to the party,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that the moving party shall submit to the opposing party the name, address, and telephone number of the attorneys' fee expert, and submit copies of all billing timesheets, invoices for costs, and any other documentary evidence relating to attorneys' fees and/or court costs, then no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled evidentiary hearing as to the amount of attorneys' fees and costs sought on a motion for attorneys' fees and costs. The opposing party shall then notify the moving party no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled evidentiary hearing of its specific objections to all costs, and all cost invoicing, and all attorneys' fees by identifying each line item and each element of the attorneys' fees to which the opposing party objects, A COPY OF WHICH SHALL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE COURT.

It is further ORDERED that the opposing party shall also identify the name, address, and telephone number of any expert it intends to use in rebuttal to the attorneys' fees and costs claimed by the moving party, no later than Fifteen (15) days prior to the evidentiary hearing, and both parties and their respective experts shall meet to discuss the specific objections to the attorneys' fees and costs being claimed no later than Fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. If the parties cannot resolve the issue of attorneys' fees and costs, the parties shall prepare and submit to the Court a specific list of the fees and costs to which objections are made and an agreement to resolve the issues was not reached, such that these are the items that remain to be decided by the Judge following the evidentiary hearing, including the specific line items and entries of attorneys' time which have been objected to and an agreement to resolve the issues was not reached.

It is further ORDERED that at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing, the party opposing the motion for summary judgment shall file a response to each fact alleged not be in controversy, and either admit that such fact is not in controversy or set forth citation of the record with the particularity described above where the fact is controverted, A COPY OF WHICH SHALL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE COURT.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

