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

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION 'AG'

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

WHEREAS, Rule 1.525, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, governs Motions for Costs and Attorney's 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 that party,

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that the

The moving party shall file a disclosure submitting to the nonmoving party the name, address, and telephone number of the attorneys' fee expert and the moving party shall also submit copies of all billing timesheets, invoices for costs, and any other documentary evidence relating to the motion for attorneys' fees and costs, no later than **forty-five (45) days prior to Calendar Call.**

The nonmoving party shall file a disclosure submitting to the moving party no later than **thirty (30)** days prior to Calendar Call of its specific objections to all fees and costs, by identifying each line item and the specific basis for the opposing party's objections,

The nonmoving party shall file a disclosure submitting the name, address, and telephone number of any expert it intends to use as rebuttal to the attorneys' fees and costs claimed by the moving party, no later than **fifteen (15) days prior to Calendar Call.**

Both parties and their respective experts shall meet, via remote conference, to discuss the specific objections to the fees and costs being claimed no later **than five (5) days prior to Calendar Call**.

If the parties cannot resolve the motion, then <u>at Calendar Call</u>, the parties shall jointly file a submission to the Court and provide a hardcopy of a spreadsheet for each attorney's billing and for one for the costs. There must be columns numbered in chronological order for each entry to address:

- The date of the labor,
- A description of attorney labor
- Hourly dollar fee charged by the attorney for the specific labor
- The moving party's time billed and the non-moving party's proposed reduction
- Specific objections or agreements for each line item
- A tabulation of the total fees sought or proposed reductions for each line item

This submission is treated like a pre-trial stipulation. Agreements will be accepted, objections not made are waived, and fees not listed are waived. Disclosures are compelled - there will be no surprises at the evidentiary hearing.

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