

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-072 PA/PI-CIR

**RE: MOTIONS TO COMPEL DISCOVERY**

In order to facilitate discovery in cases in the circuit civil division, and in accordance with *Nudel v. Flagstar Bank, FSB*, 52 So. 3d 692 (Fla. 4<sup>th</sup> DCA 2010), and in accordance with Article V, § 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and § 43.26, Florida Statutes,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. When a motion to compel discovery is filed in accordance with Rule of Civil Procedure 1.380(a)(2) and the motion alleges

- a. a complete failure to respond to or object to discovery, and
- b. a request for extension has not been filed, and
- c. the motion alleges that counsel has conferred with opposing counsel and has been unable to resolve the dispute, as provided for in Administrative Order 2015-052 and any other subsequent Administrative Orders regarding the Professionalism Committee or Standards of Professional Courtesy,

the court, without hearing, may enter an ex parte order requiring compliance with the original discovery demand. The movant must file the original motion with the Clerk and submit a copy of the motion to compel, a proposed order, and copies of the proposed order along with stamped, addressed envelopes to the Court.

2. The Court may impose sanctions in accordance with Rule of Civil Procedure 1.380(b) if discovery is not completed within ten days from the date of entry of the ex parte order and the proposed order should so provide. A form order on a motion to compel is Attachment A, which may be used.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2017.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON DECEMBER 13, 2017  
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

Attachment A: Order Compelling Discovery

cc: All Judges

The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney

The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender

The Honorable Paula S. O'Neil, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County

The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County

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