

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION

Case No.

PLAINTIFF

v.

DEFENDANT

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[SAMPLE] ORDER ON TRIAL INSTRUCTIONS

This matter is before this Court sua sponte. The Court hereby enters the following Order on Trial Instructions. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

I. Trial Exhibits

All trial exhibits must be pre-marked. Plaintiffs' exhibits must be marked numerically with the letter "P" as a prefix. Defendants' exhibits must be marked alphabetically with the letter "D" as a prefix. A list setting out all exhibits must be submitted at the beginning of trial. This list must indicate the pre-marked identification label (e.g., P-1 or D-1) and must also include a brief description of the exhibit.

II. Deposition Designations

Any party intending to use deposition testimony as substantive evidence must designate by line and page reference those portions in writing. The designations must be served on opposing counsel and filed with the Court fourteen days before the deadline to file the joint pretrial stipulation. The adverse party must serve and file any

objections and cross-designations within seven days. The initial party then has seven days to serve and file objections to the cross-designations.

III. Jury Instructions and Verdict Form

If this case will proceed by jury trial, the parties shall submit their proposed jury instructions and verdict form jointly, although they need not agree on each proposed instruction. Where the parties do not agree on a proposed instruction, that instruction shall be set forth in bold type. Instructions proposed only by Plaintiff shall be underlined. Instructions proposed only by Defendant shall be italicized. Every instruction must be supported by citation to authority. The parties shall use as a guide the Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instruction for Civil Cases, including the directions to counsel contained therein. Proposed jury instructions and verdict form, in typed form, including substantive charges and defenses, shall be submitted to this Court in Microsoft Word format via e-mail to: hunt@flsd.uscourts.gov. Instructions for filing proposed documents may be viewed at: <http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov>.

IV. Settlement

If this matter is settled, counsel are directed to inform this Court promptly via telephone ((954) 769-5470) and/or email (hunt@flsd.uscourts.gov).

DONE and ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this ____ day of _____.

PATRICK M. HUNT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

cc: All counsel of record