

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

JOHN WILLIAM LICCIONE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIE MARCUS, in her official capacity
as Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections,
et. al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 24-003939-CI
Companion Case with
Case No.: 24-002994-CI

ORDER GRANTING COURT'S ORE TENUS MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE
***** DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK OF COURT *****

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on November 12, 2024 upon the Court's *ore tenus* Motion to Consolidate ("Motion"), and the Court, having considered the Motion, the case file, the applicable law, the agreement of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Court hereby **FINDS** as follows:

1. This matter concerns the following cases currently pending in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida: *John William Liccione vs. Julie Marcus, et. al.*, Case No. 24-003939-CI, Section 7, the Honorable Patricia Muscarella presiding ("Section 7 Case") and *John William Liccione vs. Pinellas Democratic Executive Committee*, Case No. 24-002994-CI, Section 19, the Honorable Thomas Ramsberger presiding ("Section 19 Case").
2. Defendant, JENNIFER GRIFFITH ("Ms. Griffith") is a party in both of the aforementioned cases. The operative complaints in both cases involve considerable factual and legal overlap as to Ms. Griffith.
3. Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.270(a) states the following:

Consolidation. When actions involving a common question of law or fact are pending before the court, it may order a joint hearing or trial of any or all the matters in issue in the actions; it may order all the actions consolidated; and it may make such orders concerning proceedings therein as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

4. At the case management hearing on November 12, 2024 in the Section 7 Case, the Court proposed transferring and consolidating all claims against Ms. Griffith in the Section 7 Case to the previously-filed Section 19 Case as a means of promoting judicial economy in accordance with Rule 1.270(a). The parties stipulated to the Court's proposal.

5. Because the Section 7 Case and the Section 19 Case involve common questions of law and fact involving Ms. Griffith, it would be an inefficient use of party and judicial resources to litigate these related disputes before different trial court judges. Both cases will proceed more efficiently with a single trial court judge presiding over the claims against Ms. Griffith. Accordingly, the efficient administration of justice requires reassignment of the Section 7 Case claims against Ms. Griffith to the Section 19 Case. Said transfer will not delay either action as the cases were filed within 65 days of each other and involve a similar procedural posture, nor will said transfer result in any substantial inconvenience, delay, or expense for the parties or the Court.

Accordingly, it is

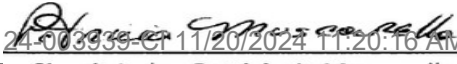
ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

1. The Court's Motion is hereby **GRANTED** pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.270(a) and in accordance with the stipulation made by all parties at the November 12, 2024 hearing. Hereinafter, Section 19 of this Court shall have jurisdiction over the claims made against Ms. Griffith in the Section 7 Case. All future matters concerning claims made against Ms. Griffith shall be addressed to Section 19 of this Court.

2. The Pinellas Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to docket this Order in both Case No.

24-003939-CI and Case No. 24-002994-CI.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers, in Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida this ____ day of November, 2024.


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Circuit Judge Patricia A. Muscarella
Hon. Patricia A. Muscarella
Circuit Civil Judge

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