

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

PLAINTIFF

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER

vs.

DEFENDANT

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STANDING ORDER IN FORMA PAUPERIS

It appears to the Court that the orderly conduct of its business requires the establishment of a standing order for poverty affidavits, and the same having been developed and adopted by the Court, it is therefore:

ORDERED that upon filing of a *Poverty Affidavit* executed by a party, as provided under OCGA 9-15-2(a)(1), together with an *Attorney's Affidavit in Support of Party Filing In Forma Pauperis*, executed by one of the attorneys from the Atlanta Legal Aid Society or the Georgia Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, entering and appearing on behalf of the party, or by the Executive Director of the DeKalb Volunteer Lawyer's Foundation, the party shall be relieved from paying any deposit, fee or other cost which is normally required in this Court, and the party's rights shall be the same as if she or he had paid the costs.

It is further ordered that, as provided under OCGA 9-15-2(a)(2), and (b), any other party at interest or his agent or attorney may contest the truth of the affidavit of poverty by verifying affirmatively under oath that the same is untrue. The issue thereby formed shall be heard and determined by the Court. In the absence of a traverse affidavit contesting the truth of the poverty affidavit, the Court may inquire into the truth of the poverty affidavit.

After a hearing on the issue, the Court may order the costs be paid if it finds that the deposit, fee or other costs can be paid, and if the costs are not paid within the time permitted in such order, may deny relief sought. The adjudication of the issue of indigence shall not affect a decision on the merits of the pending action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This 3rd day of January, 2017.



Honorable Courtney L. Johnson
Chief and Administrative Judge
DeKalb County Superior Court
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit