

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 3.109 – 12/2022

IN RE: UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION
IN ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION

The Legislature has modified the requirements for service of process for unknown parties in possession in actions governed by Florida Statute sections 82.03, 83.21, 83.59, and 723.061. Section 48.184(3), Florida Statutes (2022) now provides that “[i]f the name of the occupant becomes known to the plaintiff through the return of service or otherwise, without notice or hearing thereon, all subsequent proceedings must be conducted under the true name of such occupant and all prior proceedings are deemed amended accordingly.” Directions to the Clerk are needed so that the caption of the case can be updated to implement the requirements of this statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Effective January 2, 2023, upon the filing of a “Notice of Identity of Unknown Party in Possession and Directions to Clerk to Update Party Information,” the Clerk shall update the caption in actions governed by section 82.03, 83.21, 83.59, and 723.061 to reflect the now-known identity of any previously unknown party in possession.
2. The attached “Notice of Identity of Unknown Party in Possession and Directions to Clerk to Update Party Information” is hereby adopted.

DONE and SIGNED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 1st day of December 2022.



Glenn D. Kelley
Chief Judge

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CASE NO:

PLAINTIFF(S)

v.

DEFENDANT(S)

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**NOTICE OF IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION AND
DIRECTIONS TO CLERK TO UPDATE PARTY INFORMATION**

Plaintiff hereby gives notice that the caption of this case is deemed amended in accordance with Florida Statute section 48.184(3), as the identity of the previously “Unknown Party in Possession” is now known.

The identity of the previously “Unknown Party in Possession” is:
_____ . The name of the occupant became known to the plaintiff through:

___ the return of service

___ other means: _____ .

Signature of Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE