Pinellas JAWS Attorney Instructions

As of August 10th 2021 - Internet Explorer is no longer a supported browser for the JAWS system in Pinellas County – Chrome is the supported browser!

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PINELLAS JAWS ATTORNEY INSTRUCTIONS INTRODUCTION

JAWS, Judicial Automated Workflow System, is the primary interface tool between the courts and attorneys. The current release will serve attorneys with the primary function of scheduling and uploading of proposed orders. It supports scheduling hearings and other events by parties, counsel or the court and serving copies of event notices via email. Please review each Judge's practice requirements for the use of JAWS within each section at the link below: http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/PracticeRequirementsofJudges.html

In order for attorneys to be able to use the Pinellas JAWS system, they will be required to register with JAWS using their Florida Bar ID number. Please understand that the Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough JAWS systems are all separate systems. The recommended and supported browser for the JAWS system in Pinellas County is Chrome. There are no other hardware or software requirements. Apple users may also access JAWS using Chrome. Users may notice some page rendering anomalies if you are using a different browser other than Chrome, but this does not affect usability.

The JAWS scheduling tool designed to accommodate a variety of scheduling models. The Court is able to:

- 1. Set matters on its schedule on its own initiative, with or without consulting the parties or counsel;
- 2. Expose available times to the attorneys, allowing the parties to coordinate the scheduling and schedule the matter on the Judge's calendar or
- 3. Allow the attorneys to view available times, and request that the Judicial Assistant reserve a specific mutually agreeable time, with the final confirmation communicated by email.

The Judge's office will be able to limit available time to specific purposes or impose specific sets of rules on what may be heard at the time.

The Court may require an attorney to upload the pleading, motion, or proposed order at the time it is set for hearing.

PLEASE NOTE: **NOT** all Court divisions use JAWS for scheduling.

Questions pertaining to procedural matters, hearing availability or changes/corrections to hearings already scheduled, should be directed to the attention of the assigned judge. You can view judicial practice preferences here: http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/PracticeRequirementsofJudges.html

Please review this document and the judicial practice preferences completely before reaching out for assistance.

Should you require technical assistance please contact the Pinellas County Business Technology Services Operations Center at 727-453-4357.

BASICS FOR EXTERNAL USERS

To access JAWS, go to the Court's website at http://www.jud6.org and click the link for JAWS. You may also go to https://jawspinellas.jud6.org/jaws attorney

Log In



How To Information

The JAWS system is now configured to follow the Pinellas County password policy. This means passwords are changed every 90 days and are at least 14 characters. Chrome is now the newly supported browser for the Pinellas JAWS system.

Please refer to the attorney user guide link that answers many common questions: How To JAWS issues with poor quality orders. Things that may cause these issues are: poor scan quality, unneeded images within the document, links within the document... Suggestions to correct the issue: create documents in Word and save as PDF/A, PDF documents should be Optimize to cleanup unneeded metadata, if you have to scan the document make sure the scanner glass is clean, the document is in good condition and it is scanned in straight with all pages facing the same direction.

Additional information: An order and cover letter need to be uploaded together as two separate documents. Multiple orders should not be combined into one document and uploaded they need to be individual documents, for the Clerk's office to properly process them. Supporting documents already E-Filed should not be uploaded into the JAWS system.

Notification to Attorneys

As of August 1st, 2020, all court divisions of Pinellas County, Sixth Judicial Circuit, will be accepting agreedupon court orders and judgments via the "JAWS" system, except Probate. It is imperative that an
accompanying cover letter be uploaded along with the order or judgment, confirming that the order or
judgment has been agreed upon. At this time, Civil and Family Law Judges in Pinellas County have the
option to use JAWS for calendaring hearings or other docket matters, but they are not required to do so. To
find out whether a Civil or Family Law Judge in Pinellas County is using JAWS and for what purposes, please
review the Judge's Practice Preferences on the Sixth Judicial Circuit's web site or contact the assigned
judge's office if the JAWS information does not appear on the judge's preference page.

Judge's Practice Preferences

Also, JAWS has a tutorial to assist system users.



JAWS Tutorial/Guide

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS FOR HELP WITH JAWS ACCESS OR USAGE!

Notice

The unauthorized use of the Judicial Automated Workflow System ("JAWS"), including but not limited to providing false and misleading information for the purpose of obtaining access to JAWS or utilizing the user name and password of a registered JAWS user without the user's permission is strictly prohibited and a criminal violation of The Florida Computer Crime Act and section 815.06, Florida Statutes. A violation of section 815.06, Florida Statutes, is punishable as a felony and any computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or computer data owned by a violator which is used during the commission of any violation of section 815.06, Florida Statutes, is subject to forfeiture.

Attorney Support

Please contact the Pinellas County Operation Center with any issues: 727.453.4357 or email supportctr@pinellascounty.org

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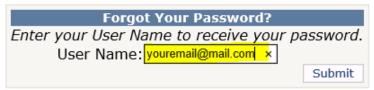
FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

If you have forgotten your password and need it reset, follow the instructions below:

To reset your password, click on the Forgot Password? link on the home page.



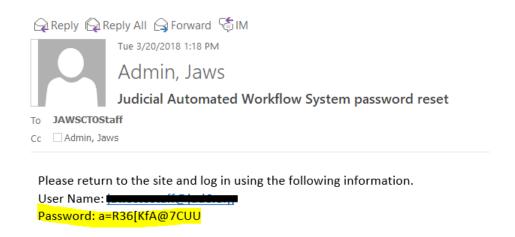
A dialog box will appear asking for your user name, which is your email address.



Once you've entered your email address, a notification that your password was sent will appear.

Your password has been sent to you.

Check your email account for a message from Admin, Jaws. It will instruct you to return to the site and log in using the temporary password provided.



Password Change:

Click on the My Profile and then click on the Change Security Settings button and complete the required information. Once you've entered information into all of the fields, click Update Account and your password change will be active. Then click Go to Login Page.

Accou	ınt Security Management
Current Password:	
New Password:	
Confirm Password:	
Security Question:	What circuit are you in?
Security Answer:	
Update Acc	ount Go to Login Page
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DASS	WORD REQUIREMENTS:
	be a minimum of 14 charactersntain at least one upper and lower case letter
	ntain at least one number
4.Password cannot b	e reused for a minimum of 10 times
5.Password will expir	re every 90 days

NEW USER REGISTER

If you are a new user and need to register, click "New user? Click here to register." You will be required to enter your information.

Sign Up for	Your New Account		
First Name		FL Bar Number	
Last Name		Firm Name	
Email			
			Verify Bar ID

Fill in all of the fields and click the Verify Bar ID button. If your Bar ID is already in the JAWS system, you will continue to the screen below. If it is not, an email will be sent to the support group to verify a valid Bar ID and enter it into the system. An email notification will be sent to the email address provided to continue the new account process.

Sign Up for Your	New Account					
Account Type:	Attorney ~	Attorneys can add le their own account	egal assistants once the	y have created		
First Name		FL Bar Number				
Last Name		Firm Name				
Email		Phone				
Password		Street Address				
Confirm Password						
		City				
Security Question		State				
Security Answer		Zip				
Upon becoming an authorized user of the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Judicial Automated Workflow System ("JAWS"), I acknowledge that my user name and password will enable me access to the JAWS calendaring function. I further acknowledge and agree that I am responsible for anyone accessing the JAWS calendaring function with the use of my user name and password. Any misuse of the JAWS calendaring function associated with my user name and password may cause my access to JAWS to be rescinded.						
The unauthorized use of the Judicial Automated Workflow System ("JAWS"), including but not limited to providing false or misleading information for the purpose of obtaining access to JAWS or utilizing the user name and password of a registered JAWS user without the user's permission is strictly prohibited and a criminal violation of The Florida Computer Crime Act and section 815.06, Florida Statutes. A violation of section 815.06, Florida Statutes, is punishable as a felony and any computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or computer data owned by a violator which is used during the commission of any violation of section 815.06, Florida Statutes, is subject to forfeiture.						
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Fill in all of the fields. You must acknowledge and accept the responsibilities of

becoming an authorized user of JAWS by clicking in the checkbox next to the acknowledgement.

The security question and answer is required for resetting your username or password. Enter the question and an answer that you will remember in the security question and answer text boxes. Example: Security Question - The name of my favorite pet? Security Answer - Max. When finished, click the Request Account button and you will receive a message that your account request has been received.

Account Request Received

Thanks for the account request! Registration is almost complete.

An email has been sent to the email address that you signed up with. Once you confirm the email by clicking the link, you will be redirected to login.

Check your inbox (using the email address you provided) and open the email from JAWSADMIN@jud6.org. The email contains your account information. Click the confirm link to finish the registration process. This link will take you to the JAWS Log In screen. Enter your user name and password.

Once you are registered, it will be necessary for you to associate yourself with your assigned cases immediately. This will ensure proper email notification. To do this, read the section on searching for a case and adding yourself as an associated party.

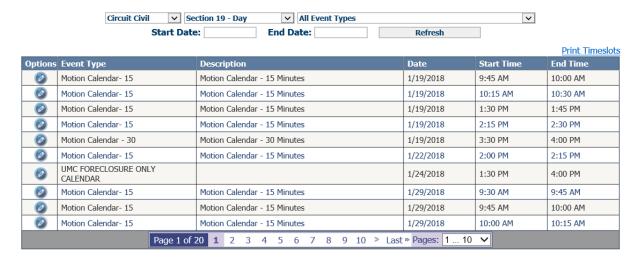
At the top of the screen, you will see a list of menu options: Available Time, My Cases, Case Search, and My Profile.

Court Calendar

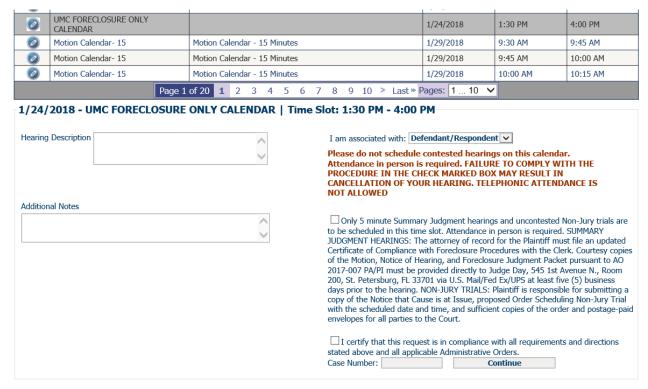
Available Time | My Cases | Case Search | My Profile

AVAILABLE TIME

Use the first drop down to select the Court division you would like to access (Circuit Civil, Family...). To the right of that, there is a field for section. Select your desired section (Section 11, 15, 19...). Once you select the desired division and section, the list of available events and time will appear.



Clicking the pencil icon under the Options label will provide details about the selected event and time slot.



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The court division may require specific information when scheduling an event. This may be free form text boxes, drop down boxes or check boxes. The collection of information may include some or all of the following:

- hearing description to be entered, for example Motion to Dismiss.
- file to be uploaded, see View/Upload Files section for further details.
- request to appear by phone.
- trial requirements: trial type, trial duration, pre-trial date, etc.
- additional notes: any additional information the judge needs to know.
- party association: use the drop down selection to identify the party you represent.
- case number format:
 - Family Law, Small Claims, Circuit and County Civil cases, you must use the full 10 character case number including the dashes in this format: ##-#####-XX.
 - Examples: 18-000456-CI (civil), 20-003456-FD (family)

- For UFC, Circuit and County Criminal cases the format is ##-####-XX.
- Examples: 18-00123-CF or 19-00222-MM
- For UFC, Circuit and County Criminal cases prior to July 2014, the format is #######CFANO.
- Examples: 8900123CFANO or 0700222MMANO
- certification: verify that you have contacted the opposing party and the requested date and time has been agreed upon. NOTE: You must select the certification check box in order to schedule a case.
- The court section will include instructions for the specified event type. Please read the requirements carefully and comply with all instructions.
- click Schedule Case

The system will take you to a screen where you will be required to add/confirm the Associate Parties of a case. The people listed will receive email notifications.

ASSOCIATED PARTIES

- It is important to make sure ALL parties associated with a case are defined and email addresses are captured, so email messages go out to the correct people.
- You can enter a letter, name or partial name of an attorney or law firm and press the search icon. The system searches last name and firm name files with a like command. For example, if you enter Bri, the system will display all users with a last name or firm name containing the letters 'bri'. (searches are not case sensitive)
- If you find the attorney, you want to associate with this case, scroll down to the bottom and check the box next to their name. Make sure you select the party affiliation (defendant or plaintiff) and it will add that person to the associated parties list once you click add. Note: Only attorneys with Pinellas JAWS accounts will be found in the system.
- The affiliated with drop down box allows you to associate that person with a defendant/respondent, plaintiff/petitioner, or neither.
- If the system cannot find a match in JAWS, a message will display letting you know that no matching user was located. You can call the party and ask them to register to JAWS. OR you can add them manually by typing in their first and last name and email address. This process will also work for adding pro-se participants.

- Click Schedule Case when finished. The system will return to the Available Time screen and a red message on the bottom right will appear. Example: Your appointment has been scheduled or requested. Your confirmation number is 12J-34946.
- If you have selected a time slot in which the court section requires you to request a time slot and then wait for their decision to approve or not, you will get an email confirming or denying this event once the court makes a decision.
- Underneath, you will see the case scheduled in the time slot selected.

MY CASES

This option allows you to see a list of all cases you are associated with.

	Case Number	Description	Туре	Filed Date
Remove	18-001080-CI	LEE R HOWARD Vs. GRASSLANDS UY LLC, et a	CONTRACTS AND INDEBTEDNESS - CIRCUIT	2/20/2018

My Cases

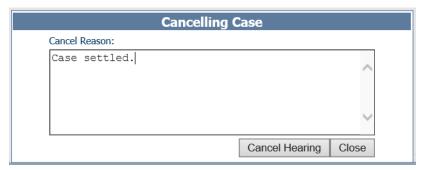
If you select the case, you will be provided with case style and current case schedule at the bottom of the screen.

Case Number: 18-001080-CI Date Filed: 2/20/2018 Status: Open							
LEE R HOWARD Vs. GRASSLANDS UY LLC, et al CONTRACTS AND INDEBTEDNESS - CIRCUIT							
Attorneys (JAWS) / Manage Email Contacts							
			Current	t Case Schedule			
		Division	Date	Start	End	Event	Phone Appearance
<u>Cancel</u>		Test CTO	3-01-2018	1:30 PM	2:15 PM	Trials	

If you need to cancel a scheduled event, select Cancel.

Current Case Schedule							
		Division	Date	Start	End	Event	Phone Appearance
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A pop-up window will appear for you to enter the reason.



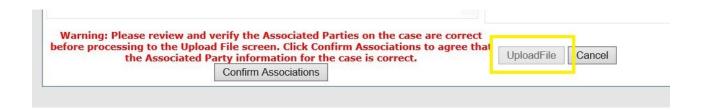
When finished entering the reason, click the Cancel Hearing button. Notice the cancelled event is gone.

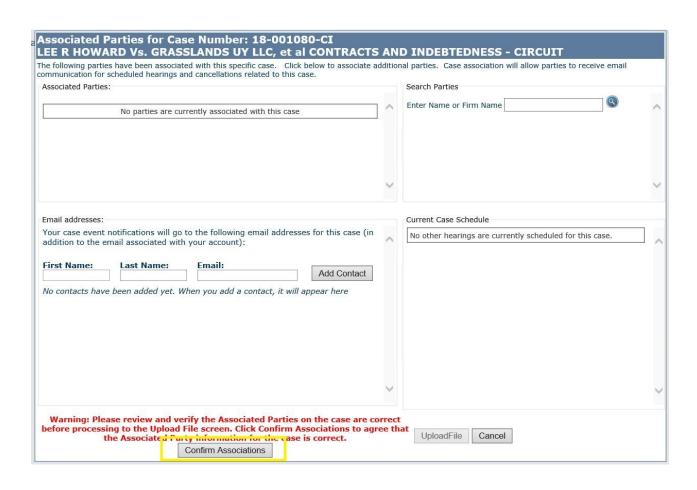
You can also access the Attorney (JAWS)/Manage Email Contacts, Case Parties information and View/Upload Files from this menu option.

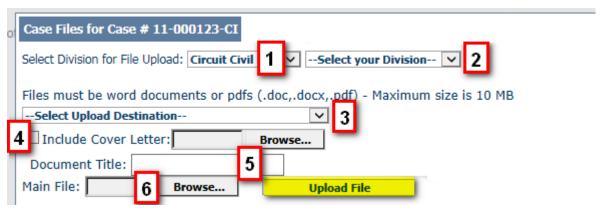
VIEW/UPLOAD FILES

To upload a cover letter and proposed order:

Before you are able to upload a cover letter or proposed order, you need to review, verify and update the associated parties within the case. Please refer to Associated Parties on page 9 for adding attorneys or parties. You will not be able to upload documents unless you enter the information and click Confirm Associations. The Upload File button will not be active until you confirm that the associated parties information is correct.



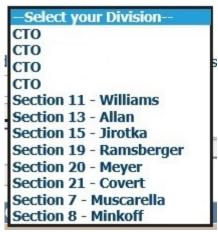




1. Select the Court division from the drop down.



2. Select the section from the drop down.

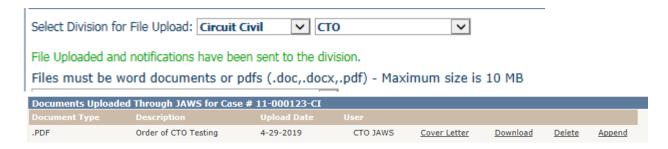


3. Select Upload Destination – use the yellow highlighted one 99% of the time.



- 4. Include Cover Letter is an option, however most Judges require one. Check the box and browse to the cover letter. It must be PDF format and in a separate document from the order.
- 5. Document Title: Enter the title of the order you are uploading.
- 6. Main File: Browse to the order you which to upload. Most Judges require the order to be in PDF format. Word documents can be uploaded only if the Judge's practice preferences specifies that.
- 7. Click the "Upload File" button.

You should see the notice below in green.



Notes:

- Please review each Judge's practice requirements for the use of JAWS, as each section may have different requirements, using this link http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/PracticeRequirementsofJudges.html
- If you receive an "unsupported images" error, please sanitize your pdf

documents to correct the issue.

- All documents have a 10MB size limit.
- Once a file has been uploaded, all users that have permission can click on download to open or save the file to their machine. By default, internal users (Judges and Judicial Assistants) can see all uploaded files for the case.
 External users can only see the document(s) they uploaded and document(s) that have been shared. Please contact the Judge's office to request that uploaded documents be shared.
- Case filings that have been filed with the Clerk's case management system or through the e-portal are not viewable through JAWS, they are displayed as a list. An attorney will need to log into the Clerk's public access site to review case information and documents.

CASE SEARCH

If you have a case number, you can use Case Search.

• Case Search - Enter a case number in the proper format (see below). The case details and the current case schedule will display. If a case number is not found in the system, you will receive a message indicating the case was not found. From this screen you have the option to cancel an event or utilize the associated parties and view/upload files options as described above.

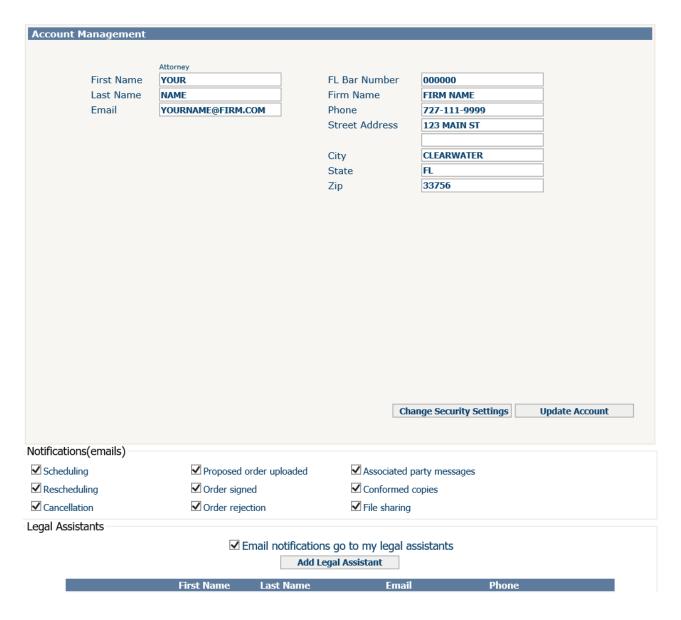
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MY PROFILE

To edit your account or change your security settings, use My Profile. You can modify your email notifications, whether your assistant receives email notifications and add a legal assistant on this screen.



After changing the desired fields, click Update Account button.



If you want to change the security settings, click the Change Security Settings button. You will need to enter your current password, new password, confirm password, security question, and security answer. Once finished click Update Account.



Add Legal Assistant

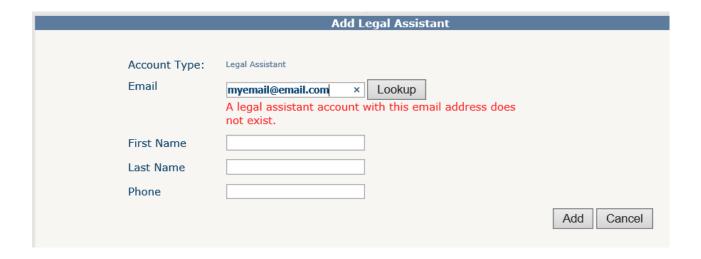
To add your legal assistant(s) to your account, go to My Profile.



Near the bottom of the profile page, click Add Legal Assistant. NOTE: If you want your legal assistant(s) to receive email notifications, please check the Email notifications box as shown below before clicking Add Legal Assistant.



The Add Legal Assistant dialog box will open. Enter the email address and click Lookup. This will minimize the possibility that a duplicate assistant record is added. If the email address does not exist, you will receive a message that an account does not exist.



Once you click Add, the assistant's name will be added to the list below the profile and you will see all associated assistants.



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If the assistant's email is in the system, the User Found dialog box will pop up and you can associate the email with your account by clicking Associate.



If you would like to remove the association of an assistant, simply click <u>Unassociate</u> and that email account will be no longer associated with the attorney. There is no verify option - if you click <u>Unassociate</u>, the account will be removed. If you remove the incorrect account or accidentally remove an account, it will need to be entered again.