

ST. LUCIE COUNTY CIRCUIT CIVIL
DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT PROCEDURES

6-21-11

Reminder: Judge Geiger does not handle nonjury civil cases, so motions for default final judgments in nonjury cases need to be sent to the judge handling civil nonjury cases (currently Dan L. Vaughn, Circuit Judge) with a cover letter.

FORFEITURES ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO JUDGE GEIGER:

§ 932.704 (3) Any trial on the ultimate issue of forfeiture shall be decided by a **jury**, unless such right is waived by the claimant through a written waiver or on the record before the court conducting the forfeiture proceeding.

In civil jury trial cases, the following procedure must be followed to obtain a default final judgment after a default entered by the Clerk.

First obtain a copy of the default by Clerk. Then send your final judgment packet to the judge's office (with necessary self addressed, stamped envelopes and sufficient copies for conforming) **along with a copy of the Clerk's default under cover letter to the Court.**

Do not submit one packet to the Clerk asking that they enter a default and then send the rest of the packet to the Judge's Office.
Submit the packets separately and at different times.

No action will be taken on packets not complying with this procedure.

Copies of motions and affidavits should be provided to the court with motions for default final judgments for its reference and review along with your proposed order.