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February 19, 2001

RE: VERIZON FLORIDA, INC. vs. E. LEON JACOBS, JR.,
ET AL.

CASE NUMBER: SC01-323
Lower Tribunal Case Number : PSC-01-0097-DS-TL
Lower Tribunal Filing Date: 2/9/01

The Florida Supreme Court has received the following documents reflecting a filing date of 2/12/2001.

Notice of Appeal (Original and one copy)

Filing Fee: Paid in Full Receipt Number: R2001-994045

Only parties submitting briefs in this case will be served with future correspondence by this Court. If any interested persons want to be specifically notified of pleadings or other actions, the person wanting the information must submit a request in writing to the Court.

The Florida Supreme Court's case number must be utilized on all pleadings and correspondence filed in this cause. Moreover, ALL PLEADINGS SIGNED BY AN ATTORNEY MUST INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY'S FLORIDA BAR NUMBER.

Please review and comply with any handouts, if any, enclosed with this acknowledgment.

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RULE 9.210. BRIEFS

(a) **Generally.** In addition to briefs on jurisdiction under rule 9.120(d), the only briefs permitted to be filed by the parties in any one proceeding are the initial brief, the answer brief, a reply brief, and a cross-reply brief. All briefs required by these rules shall be prepared as follows:

(1) Briefs shall be printed, typewritten, or duplicated on opaque, white, unglossed 8 ½-by-11 inch paper. ~~If printed, the brief shall be 6 by 9 inches, if typewritten, the brief shall be 8 ½ by 11 inches.~~

(2) The lettering in briefs shall be black and in distinct type, double-spaced, and with margins no less than 1 inch. Lettering in script or type made in imitation of handwriting shall not be permitted. ~~Text shall be printed in type of no more than 10 characters per inch. Text should be double spaced so that there are no more than 27 lines per page.~~ Footnotes and quotations may be single spaced and shall be in the same size type, with the same spacing between characters, as the text. Computer-generated briefs shall be submitted in either Times New Roman 14-point font or Courier New 12-point font. All computer-generated briefs shall contain a certificate of compliance signed by counsel, or the party if unrepresented, certifying that the brief complies with the font requirements of this rule. The certificate of compliance shall be contained in the brief immediately following the certificate of service.

(3) Briefs ~~should~~shall be securely bound in book form and fastened along the left side in a manner that will allow them to lie flat when opened. ~~Alternatively, briefs may be~~ or be securely stapled in the upper left corner. ~~No other method of securing the brief is acceptable. Headings shall be in capital letters and, if printed, and subheadings shall be at least as large as the brief text and may be in bold type not less than 11 point~~ single spaced.

(4) The cover sheet of each brief shall state the name of the court, the style of the cause, including the case number if assigned, the lower tribunal, the party on whose behalf the brief is filed, the type of brief, and the name and address of the attorney filing the brief.

(5) The initial and answer briefs shall not exceed 50 pages in length. Reply briefs shall not exceed 15 pages in length; provided that if a cross-appeal has been filed, the reply brief shall not exceed 50 pages, not more than 15 of which shall be devoted to argument replying to the answer portion of the appellee/cross-appellant's brief. Cross-reply briefs shall not exceed 15 pages. Briefs on jurisdiction shall not exceed 10 pages. The table of contents and the citation of authorities shall be excluded from the computation. Longer briefs may be permitted by the court.

(b) **Contents of Initial Brief.** The initial brief shall contain the following, in order:

(1) A table of contents listing the issues presented for review, with references to pages.

(2) A table of citations with cases listed alphabetically, statutes and other authorities, and the pages of the brief on which each citation appears. See rule 9.800 for a uniform citation system.

(3) A statement of the case and of the facts, which shall include the nature of the case, the course of the proceedings, and the disposition in the lower tribunal. References to the appropriate volume and pages of the record or transcript shall be made.

(4) A summary of argument, suitably paragraphed, condensing succinctly, accurately, and clearly the argument actually made in the body of the brief. It should not be a mere repetition of the headings under which the argument is arranged. It should seldom exceed 2 and never 5 pages.

(5) Argument with regard to each issue including the applicable appellate standard of review.

(6) A conclusion, of not more than 1 page, setting forth the precise relief sought.

(c) **Contents of Answer Brief.** The answer brief shall be prepared in the same manner as the initial brief; provided that the statement of the case and of the

facts may be omitted. If a cross-appeal has been filed, the answer brief shall include the issues in the cross-appeal that are presented for review, and argument in support of those issues.

(d) **Contents of Reply Brief.** The reply brief shall contain argument in response and rebuttal to argument presented in the answer brief.

(e) **Contents of Cross-Reply Brief.** The cross-reply brief is limited to rebuttal of argument of the cross-appellee.

(f) **Times for Service of Briefs.** The times for serving jurisdiction and initial briefs are prescribed by rules 9.110, 9.120, 9.130, and 9.140. Unless otherwise required, the answer brief shall be served within 20 days after service of the initial brief; the reply brief, if any, shall be served within 20 days after service of the answer brief; and the cross-reply brief, if any, shall be served within 20 days thereafter.

(g) **Filing with Courts.** The filing requirements of the courts are as follows:

(1) *Circuit Courts.* Original and 1 copy.

(2) *District Courts of Appeal.* Original and 3 copies.

(3) *Supreme Court.* Original and 7 copies; except that 5 copies only shall accompany the original jurisdictional briefs prescribed in rule 9.120(d).

(h) **Citations.** Counsel are requested to use the uniform citation system prescribed by rule 9.800.

Committee Notes

1977 Amendment. This rule essentially retains the substance of former rule 3.7. Under subdivision (a) only 4 briefs on the merits are permitted to be filed in any 1 proceeding: an initial brief by the appellant or petitioner, an answer brief by the appellee or respondent, a reply brief by the appellant or petitioner, and a cross-reply brief by the appellee or respondent (if a cross-appeal or petition has been filed). A limit of 50 pages has been placed on the length of the initial and answer briefs, 15

GENERAL INFORMATION

Future pleadings filed in this case will not be acknowledged. All motions must be accompanied by postage-paid, self-addressed envelopes for all parties in the case. Any questions should be directed to the Clerk's Office Supreme Court of Florida, (850) 488-0125.

The following is a list of frequently filed pleadings with the required number of copies.

Briefs on the Merits*	original and 7 copies Please send to the Court, in Word Perfect 5.1 (or higher) format a DOS formatted 3-1/2 inch diskette. See Administrative Order <u>In re: Mandatory Submission of Briefs on Computer Diskette</u>, dated February 5, 1999.** Please label envelope to avoid erasure.
Briefs on Jurisdiction*	original and 5 copies
Appendix	original and 5 copies if pending on jurisdiction original and 7 copies if pending on merits Either separately bound or separated by a divider and appropriate tabbing.
Request for Attorney's Fees	original and 7 copies if pending on the merits original and 5 copies if pending on jurisdiction
Notices of Supplemental Authority	original and 7 copies if pending on merits original and 5 copies if pending on jurisdiction
Motions to Dismiss, Quash or Strike	original and 7 copies if pending on merits original and 5 copies if pending on jurisdiction
Motion for Extension of Time	original only
Motion to Stay	original only
Motion to Expedite	original only
Motion to Consolidate	original and 1 copy
Motions re amicus curiae and intervenors	original only

Motion for Rehearing

original and 7 copies

- * BRIEFS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM TO THE TYPE SIZE AS SET FORTH IN THIS COURT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- ** DISKETTES MUST BE LABELED WITH CASE STYLE, NUMBER AND MUST STATE PARTY FILING DISKETTE.