

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**DENOVO LAW SERVICES, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2018 CA 000372 SC

**CITY OF VENICE**, a Florida municipal  
corporation,

Defendant.

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**CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the Stipulation of the DENOVO LAW SERVICES, LLC (“Plaintiff”) and CITY OF VENICE (“Defendant” or “City”), and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED that:

1. The Parties’ Stipulation for Entry of Consent Final Judgment is GRANTED.
2. The Final Judgment entered against Defendant, CITY OF VENICE, in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit styled as *Lorenzo v. City of Venice*, Case No. 2008-CA-8018-SC and recorded in the public records of Sarasota County, Florida, at Instrument No. 2009038528 is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference. Defendant is directed to comply with all the requirements of that Final Judgment.
3. The Court finds that Defendant has issued cellular devices to individual members of the City Council and that official business is conducted on these devices as well as computers and laptops owned by the Defendant (collectively referred to as “Devices”). The Court further finds that Defendant has sufficiently implemented policies which ensure that public records, including official business transacted on these City-issued cellular devices, are stored, archived and maintained by

Defendant and/or Defendant's agents. Defendant shall conduct an audit of said Devices every two years through a third-party vendor to ensure that all public records are being properly stored, archived and maintained as required by applicable law including, but not limited to, Florida Statutes Chapter 119 (the "Public Records Act").

4. The Court further finds that Defendant has implemented policies which sufficiently place individual members of the City Council and other committees, boards, etc. on notice that it is against City policy and procedures to conduct official business on private or personal Devices.
5. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel shall return all telephone billing information and records that were produced in connection with this action, and acknowledge that they have not copied nor distributed same to any third parties.
6. Plaintiff is awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$45,321.00. If said amount is not paid within 60 days, the Clerk of Court shall issue writs of execution as may be required.
7. This Consent Final Judgment is intended to and shall resolve all claims which are or which could have been the subject of this action.
8. The Court expressly retains jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the prior Final Judgment and this Consent Final Judgment.

DONE and ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2020, in Venice, Sarasota County, Florida.

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Hon. \_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court Judge

cc: Robert Watrous, Esq.  
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