

**PLAINTIFFS' SPECIAL REQUEST TO CHARGE NO. \_\_**

**BURDEN OF PROOF**

In this case it is the responsibility of the Plaintiffs to prove every essential part of their claims by a “preponderance of the evidence.” This is sometimes called the “burden of proof” or the “burden of persuasion.” A “preponderance of the evidence” simply means an amount of evidence that is enough to persuade you that the Plaintiffs’ claim is more likely true than not true.<sup>1</sup>

GRANTED \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the Eleventh Circuit’s Pattern Instructions 3.7.1. *See White v. Stanley*, 893 S.E.2d 466, 471 at \*3 n. 17 (Oct. 3, 2023) (approving of Eleventh Circuit pattern charge).