

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

WILLIAM LAWRENCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 8:18-cv-738-T-26TGW

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

**UPON DUE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION** of the procedural history of this case, together with the Plaintiff's submissions, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Remand (Dkt. 12) is denied. It is well-settled that a federal court has an "unflagging obligation" to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on it, "and this case presents nothing so extraordinary as to eviscerate that obligation." Jackson-Platts v. Gen. Electric Capital Corp., 727 F.3d 1127, 1131 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013). Additionally, in light of this "unflagging obligation" to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on this Court, the Court is only authorized to defer to a parallel state court proceedings under limited and exceptional circumstances, none of which are present in this case. See Moorer v. Demopolis Waterworks and Sewer Bd., 374 F.3d 994, 997 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004). Furthermore,

this Court is more than familiar with the principles of Florida law governing a Coblentz<sup>1</sup> agreement which is at the core of this removed case. See Culbreath Isles Prop. Owners Ass'n, Inc. v. Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. of Am., 151 F.Supp.3d 1282 (M.D. Fla. 2015), *aff'd*, 841 F.3d 1197 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2016).

Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 13) is denied as moot. Plaintiff shall file a response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss within the time frame imposed by Local Rule 3.01(b).

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Tampa, Florida, on April 10, 2018.

*s/Richard A. Lazzara*  
**RICHARD A. LAZZARA**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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<sup>1</sup> See Coblentz v. American Sur. Co., 416 F.2d 1059 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1969).