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**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for July 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.  
and Jury Trials for the Week of July 22, 2024**

CLERK OF COURTS  
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DOCKET INITIALS

For the cases listed on the attached Calendar, the following shall apply:<sup>1</sup>

If your case has settled or you are requesting a continuance from this calendar, please email Staff Attorney David Frisch at [david.frisch@accgov.com](mailto:david.frisch@accgov.com).

**Discovery** This Order contemplates that all discovery has been completed, any expert witnesses have been properly disclosed during discovery, and the discovery period is closed.

**June 27, 2024** **Dispositive motions** shall be filed by this date.

**Motions to challenge to an expert's qualification under O.C.G.A. § 24-7-702** shall be filed by this date.

**July 2, 2024** **Consolidated Pre-trial Order** shall be submitted by this date to the Staff Attorney by email at [david.frisch@accgov.com](mailto:david.frisch@accgov.com). Plaintiff shall be responsible for consolidating the pre-trial order. (*See further instructions below.*)

**Motions in Limine** should be filed by 5:00 p.m. on this date. The Court requests the attorneys refrain from filing boilerplate motions and motions seeking the Court to enter rulings on general topics of well-established of law, evidence, or procedure which are not tailored to the particular legal or evidentiary issues in the case.

**Notices of intent to introduce records pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12)** shall be filed by this date or may be included in §14 of the pre-trial order if the notice complies with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12).

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<sup>1</sup> For cases where the Court has already entered a pre-trial order, a note has been made on the Calendar. Counsel in these cases are excused from attending the pre-trial conference and from complying with the other requirements of this scheduling order.

**Trial Depositions** - For any depositions to be used at trial, the parties shall file any deposition designations or requests for rulings on deposition objections by this date.

***For any trial depositions taken after this date, any designations or requests for rulings on objections shall be filed within 48 hours of a party's receipt of the transcript.***

**July 9, 2024**

**Mediation** should be completed by this date. If counsel has not received an order scheduling mediation, please contact the Tenth District ADR Program at (706) 613-3210 to be scheduled for mediation.

**July 10, 2024**

**Pre-trial Conference** shall be held at **9:00 a.m.** in the State Court Hearing Room 415, Fourth Floor of the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse, 325 E. Washington Street, Athens, Georgia 30601. ***(See further instructions below.)***

**Motions in Limine and Deposition Designations** may be heard by the Court on this date.

**The Pre-trial Conference will have a WebEx remote attendance option.** Please email the State Court Staff Attorney at [david.frisch@accgov.com](mailto:david.frisch@accgov.com) to request the link.

**Attorneys who have a previously scheduled leave of absence for this date** shall contact the State Court Staff Attorney to request an alternative date for a pre-trial conference.

**July 22, 2024**

**Jury Trials** shall begin at 8:30 a.m. in the State Court Courtroom. If a case is not reached, it will be placed on the next jury trial calendar.

**Instructions for Pre-trial Order:**

**§1 Name, Address, and Phone Number of Attorneys:** If the uninsured or underinsured motorist carrier is a party, the pre-trial order shall include whether the UMC will elect to proceed at trial in its own name or in the name of Defendant as allowed under O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11.

**§14 Notices of intent to introduce records:** Each party may include notices of intent to introduce pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12) if made in compliance with the statute.

**§17 Proposed Jury Charges:** the parties should word §17 as: "Pursuant to Uniform State Court Rule

10.3, all requests to charge, other than additional requests to cover unanticipated points which arise at trial, shall be filed with the Clerk of State Court and a copy submitted to the Court by email to [david.frisch@accgov.com](mailto:david.frisch@accgov.com) in Word document form at the time of jury selection.”

**§19 List of Witnesses:** Party shall identify all potential witnesses by first and last name and list the witness’s position and / or employer (if applicable). Parties shall not list witnesses by generic description. At trial, the Court may exclude any witness who has not been sufficiently identified except for the limited purpose of authenticating documents, records, or other exhibits.

**Amendments:** The Court will not enter pre-trial orders that contain provisions attempting to reserve the right to amend the pre-trial order or to conduct discovery. Amendments will be allowed only upon order of the Court and upon good cause shown.

**Attendance at Pre-trial Conference / Requests to be Excused:** Unless a pre-trial order has already been entered by the Court, an attorney of record must appear for each party to make an announcement in the case. If you are unable to appear, please contact Staff Attorney David Frisch at [david.frisch@accgov.com](mailto:david.frisch@accgov.com) at least 48 hours in advance to request excusal by the Court.

**Failure to Appear at Pre-trial Conference / Failure to Present Proposed Pre-trial Order:** Failure of counsel to appear at the pre-trial conference without legal excuse or failure to present a proposed pre-trial order shall authorize the Court to remove the action from the trial calendar, enter such pre-trial order as the Court deems appropriate, or impose any other appropriate sanction.

This Order and the attached Calendar shall be entered on the Minutes of the Court and a copy served on the Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program office.

SO ORDERED, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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Ryan S. Hope, Judge  
State Court of Athens-Clarke County



Civil Calendar Call for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.  
Jury trial week to begin on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

1. Latoya Ross v. Ann Webb  
**CPTO ENTERED**  
ST22CV0066  
Sandra Davis-Campos & Reza Sedghi / Bill  
Cowsert & Joseph Stephens
2. David Lloyd v. Kristen N Miller  
ST22CV0221  
**CPTO ENTERED**  
Joshua Branch, Susan Webb & Robert 'Cap'  
Russell / Bill Cowsert & Michael Broun
3. Maria Fernandez and Julio Andres Benitez  
as parents, legal guardians, and next best  
friends of minor child Esmeralda Esperanza  
Benitez Fernandez v. Bowman Property  
Management, LLC, Changlin Li, ABC  
Corporations 1-5, and John Does 1-5  
ST20CV0251  
Amir Nowroozzadeh / Melissa Segel, Kelly  
Chartash & Thomas Brennan / Trey Moody,  
Allison Gylfe, Andrew Moody, Roberto  
Bazzani, Joi Siler, & David Rusnak
4. Litisha Henry v. Soritas Fears,  
Southeastrans Inc., Georgia Medical  
Transportation Inc.  
ST21CV0259  
Adewale Odetunde / Jason Darneille
5. Linda Foote, Jimmy Foote v. Sean Cook  
ST22CV0162  
Alfreda L. Williams / Robert M. Hoyland
6. Gary Warren and Patrice Warren v. Velocity  
Ventures, Inc. (D/B/A Express Oil Change)  
and 138 Investments, LLC  
ST22CV0191  
Josh Branch & Robert 'Cap' Russell / R.  
Scott Masterson, Paul Borr & Gary Graham
7. Reese Alexander v. The Warehouse Athens  
LLC, John Doe, Et Al  
ST22CV0317  
Michael Weaver / M. Steven Heath &  
Matthew Moseley
8. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company  
A/S/O John Wynn And A/S/O Vicky Wynn v.  
Christopher Sutton  
ST22CV0483  
Ronald Lockley / Adam Cain
9. Britton Baker v. Mehul P Amin Et Al  
ST22CV0541  
Casey Stephens / Christopher Elrod & Scott  
Tolbert / Bill Cowsert / Jason Darneille
10. Brian Randall Et Al v. Susie Wise  
ST22CV0578  
Mark Wallace / Michael Davis / Bill Cowsert
11. Maria Petrone Arriaza Castro v. Katherine  
Leigh Shepherd  
ST22CV0628  
Jonathan Pizza / M. Steven Heath
12. Reagan Seabolt v. Jesliyn Ramirez, a  
minor, Ernesto Ramirez, Maximino Antonio  
Perez, Et Al  
ST23CV0033  
Evan Howell & Michael Johnson / Benjamin  
Yancey / M. Steven Heath
13. Tierra Watkins v. Pilgrim's Pride  
Corporation, Et Al  
ST23CV0075  
Jameson Sackey / Ashley Webber & Negin  
Portivent

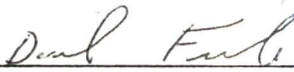
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on July 10, 2024 and for a Jury Trial the week of July 22, 2024 and Calendar on all counsel as listed on said Calendar through PeachCourt as well as the following by hand delivery:

Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court

Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Office

This 17 day of May, 2024.

  
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David C. Frisch, Staff Attorney  
State Court of Athens-Clarke County