

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for July 30, 2024 at 2:30 pm
and Jury Trials for the Week of August 26, 2024**

For the cases pending trial listed on Exhibit A, the following shall apply:

Discovery

Unless noted otherwise, this Order contemplates that all discovery has been completed, any expert witnesses have been properly disclosed during discovery, and the discovery period is closed.

May 17, 2024

Extension of discovery – If either party is seeking additional time for discovery, an appropriate motion should be filed by this date.

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 10, 2024

Defendant’s portion of pre-trial order shall be submitted by Defendant to Plaintiff by this date.

Any uninsured or underinsured motorist carrier shall file by this date a notice of whether the UMC elects to proceed at trial in its own name or in the name of Defendant as allowed under O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11. The UMC shall include the election in §1 of the pre-trial order. If no election is filed, the UMC will waive the ability to proceed in its own name, and the Court will find the UMC has elected to proceed in the name of Defendant.

Compliance with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-26 (e) – Parties shall comply with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-26 (e) and supplement all discovery responses by this date.

July 19, 2024

Consolidated Pre-trial Order shall be submitted to the State Court Staff Attorney by email this date to lesley.weise@accgov.com. Plaintiff shall be responsible for consolidating the pre-trial order. (**See further instructions below.**)

Motions in limine shall be filed by this date. The Court requests that 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

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procedure that 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).

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 30, 2024

Pre-trial Conference shall be held at **2:30 p.m.** in Hearing Room 415, Fourth Floor of the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse, 325 E. Washington Street, Athens, Georgia 30601. (***See further instructions below.***)

Mediation shall 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. All cases must attend mediation prior to the pre-trial conference.

All motions in limine and deposition designations shall be heard by the Court on this date.

The Pre-trial Conference will have a WebEx remote attendance option. Please notify the Staff Attorney at lesley.weise@accgov.com at least two days in advance if you wish to appear remotely.

Attorneys who have a previously scheduled leave of absence for this date shall contact the State Court Staff Attorney no later than May 17, 2024 to request an alternative date for a pre-trial conference.

August 26, 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 lesley.weise@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 will 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 **Lesley Weise, Staff Attorney**, at lesley.weise@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 30 day of April, 2024.



Charles E. Auslander, III
Judge, State Court of Athens-Clarke County

Exhibit A

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

**Pre-trial conference on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.
Jury trial week of Monday, August 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.**

Case No.	Case Style	Counsel for Plaintiff	Counsel for Def./*UMC
ST21CV0893	Alize Woodall by and through Hillary B. Cranford, Conservator versus BOS Security, Inc.	Michael Rafi Rafi Law Firm, LLC	William S. Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST22CV0049 <i>Damages only</i>	Brenda B. Baker versus Anastasia K. Vincent	Justin D. Williams Williams & Williams Law Firm, LLC	William S. Cowsert Michael Broun Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST22CV0456	Alicia D. Munoz Ortiz and Jose Antonio Carrillo versus Matthew Curtis Baker	Rachel Deloach-Bukle Monge & Associates	William S. Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST22CV0663	Kenneth Odell Stevens versus Jared Hugh Bailey	Greg Johnson Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC	William Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST23CV0012	Corey Lumpkin versus Dalvontrea Bone	Bryce Angell Robert L. Poston The Angell Law Firm, LLC	Ian Kahler Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC
ST23CV0076	Sheila Issac versus Michael Cary Morris, Benjamin Morris, Jane Doe 1 and 2, John Doe 1 and 2, ABC Corp., and XYZ Corp.	Stephen J. Valero Hung Q. (Alex) Nguyen Alex Nguyen Law Firm, LLC	William Cowsert Michael Broun Cowsert Heath, LLP

ST23CV0084	James Williams, Jr. and Melanie Brady versus Ronald Maurice Cherry and John Doe	Grant Morain Paul Allmon Morain & Buckelew, PC	William Cowsert Tyler Normandia Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST23CV0118	Laura L. Dunham versus John Kenneth Still and Georgia Power Company	Ross Warsett W. Calvin Smith, II, PC	Steve Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST23CV0195	Corica Williams, individually and as parent and next friend of minor Corrión Jernigan, and Theresa Chester versus Janet Benca	Lauren Dillingham Morgan & Morgan, PLLC	Jessica E. Sanford Fain, Major & Brennan, P.C.
ST23CV0197	Christopher Taylor Melville versus Edward Alamo and Jesika Velazquez	Saif S. Ahmed J. Ross Massey Massey Law Group	Karen Inniss Law Office of Andrews & Manganiello *Jeffrey A. Brown C. David Whitson, Jr. Brown & Adams, LLC
ST23CV0205	Mary Frances Webb versus Sam's East, Inc., Sam's West, Inc., Sam's Real Estate Business Trust, Walmart, Inc., Wal-mart Stores, Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP (Delaware), and John Does I, II, III, IV, and V, whose true names are unknown to Plaintiff	David K. May Benjamin Hillis Princenthal, May, & Wilson, LLC	John C. Patton Garret W. Meader Dana A. King Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP

ST23CV0257	Mitchell Dowdy, Patricia Smith, Individually, and as Parent and Natural Guardian of Raven Williams	Phillip Pendergrass, Jr. Benjamin Dubose The Pendergrass Law Firm, PC	Allison B. Shear Law Office of Celeste P. Armstrong
	versus Christopher Higginbotham	Michael M. Day Michael M. Day Law Firm, LLC	
ST23CV0333	James Osborne versus Thomas Meyer	Anthony Petrozza Morgan & Morgan, PLLC	Laura Blake Law Office of Andrews & Manganiello
ST23CV0335	Jonathan D. Milan versus Wyatt S. Bewley	Edward J. Bauer Bauer Law Offices	Daniel C. Prout, Jr. Jackson C. Palmer Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout
ST23CV0339	Mark Saxon versus Amber Cuyler, ABC Corp. 1-5 and John Doe	Ian D. Grady Todd Barbee Alexander Shunnarah Trial Attorneys	Ashley Rice Zhengen "Ellen" Lu Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout
ST23CV0362	Natasha Shantay Hall versus Eduardo Huato and Julio Huato	Blaine Norris Reid Peacock Blaine A. Norris, PC	John Hollis Baker Baker & Slider, LLC Ian Kahler Nikolai Makarenko, Jr. Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC

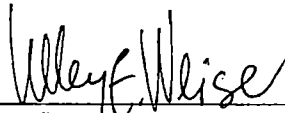
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on July 30, ~~2024 and for a Jury Trial the week of August 26, 2024 and Exhibit A on all counsel as listed on~~ said calendar electronically through PeachCourt, as well as the following by hand delivery:

Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court

Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Office

This 30th day of April, 2024.



Lesley E. Weise, Staff Attorney
State Court of Athens-Clarke County