

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
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**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for October 10, 2024 at 9:00am
and Jury Trials for the Week of October 28, 2024**

For the cases listed on the attached Calendar, the following shall apply:¹

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.

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.

September 27, 2024

If discovery is not complete or the parties are waiting on discoverable information, contact the Court's Staff Attorney, David Frisch at david.frisch@accgov.com. If either party is seeking additional time for discovery or either party is not ready to proceed to trial, an appropriate motion should be filed by this date.

October 1, 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.

October 2, 2024

Consolidated Pre-trial Order shall be submitted by this date to the Staff Attorney by email at 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.

¹ 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.

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.

October 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.

October 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 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.

October 28, 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 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 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 16th day of August, 2024.



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

**Civil Calendar Call for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Jury trial week to begin on Monday, October 28, 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. Charlie Randall et al v. Mark Tugman et al
ST21CV0695
John Autry / Adam Cain
3. Litisha Henry v. Soritas Fears, Southeastrans Inc., Georgia Medical Transportation Inc.
ST21CV0259
Adewale Odetunde & William Pate / Jason Darneille
4. Reese Alexander v. The Warehouse Athens LLC, John Doe, Et Al
ST22CV0317
Michael Weaver / M. Steven Heath & Matthew Moseley
5. Brian Randall Et Al v. Susie Wise
ST22CV0578
Mark Wallace / Michael Davis / Bill Cowsert
6. Kimberly Lashley As Surviving Spouse of Deshawn Anthony Lashley Deceased v. Deborah S Hembree
CPTO ENTERED
ST20CV0681
Brian Rodgers / Bill Cowsert
7. Ethan M Jack v. Jaycee C Neal
ST21CV0205
David Thomas / Jason Darnielle / Bill Cowsert
8. Jason Lankheet v. Katherine G. Thielman
ST22CV0064
Edward Long Jr & Samuel Crowe / Bill Cowsert & Joseph Stephens
9. Ernest Shaw v. Tiyah Wise, John McElroy and Geraldine McElroy
ST22CV0287
Anthony Petrozza / Bill Cowsert & Joe Stephens
10. Charles Richardson v. Macie Dean
ST22CV0328
Anthony Petrozza / Bill Cowsert / Kristen Medwick
11. Britton Baker v. Mehul P Amin Et Al
ST22CV0541
Casey Stephens / Christopher Elrod & Scott Tolbert / Bill Cowsert / Jason Darneille
12. Gary Studstill v. Dereck Johnson, Shirley Johnson and Janero Johnson
ST23CV0055
Christopher Breault / Matthew Moseley (UMC)
13. Sharon Sims v. Dollar General Corporation, Et Al
ST23CV0125
Cody Allen / Erica Morton
14. Louise Yvonne Morris Vs Victor Oswald Robinson
ST23CV0131
R. Douglas Lenhardt & Bartlett Benton / Hilliard V. Castilla

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on October 10, 2024 and for a Jury Trial the week of October 28, 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 16 day of August, 2024.



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