

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

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**Scheduling Order for Pre-trial Conferences on April 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
and Jury Trials for the Week of Monday, May 11, 2026**

CLERK OF COURTS

STATE OF GEORGIA

INITIALS

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.

March 27, 2026

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.

April 1, 2026

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.

April 8, 2026

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 procedure that are not tailored to the particular legal or evidentiary issues in the case.*

* If either party files motions in limine, the parties shall consult by Friday April 10 to determine which ones are agreed to, withdrawn, or argued at a hearing. The parties shall notify staff attorney Lesley Weise by Monday April 13 of the results of their conversation

April 15, 2026

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.***

Pre-trial Conference shall be held at **3:00 p.m.** in the State Court Courtroom, Room 520, Fifth 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 March 27, 2026 to request an alternative date for a pre-trial conference.

April 27, 2026

Proposed jury charges and a proposed verdict form shall be submitted to the Staff Attorney at lesley.weise@accgov.com by this date.

Depositions of any witnesses who will testify at trial shall be filed with the Clerk of State Court by this date.

May 11, 2026

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 by **April 27, 2026.**”

§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.

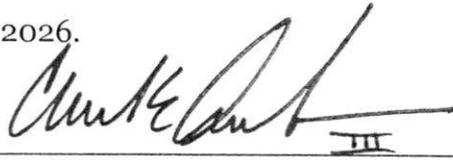
Amendments: The Court will not enter pre-trial orders that contain provisions attempting to reserve the right to amend the pre-trial order or to conduct discovery. Amendments will be allowed only upon order of the Court and upon good cause shown.

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 16 day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Auslander, III", written over a horizontal line.

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 Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
Jury trial week beginning Monday, May 11, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

| Case No. | Case Style | Counsel for Plaintiff | Counsel for Def./*UMC |
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| ST25CV0294 Deadlines set forth in 3/11/26 Amended Scheduling Order apply to this case *pre-trial conference and motions hearing on 4/27/26 at 1:30 p.m. | Catherine M. Lawson, Individually and as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Catherine P. Murphy, Deceased, and as Executrix of the Estate of Gregory M. Murphy, Deceased, Cliff David Murphy, Individually, and Kelly Ann Leach, Individually versus Advanced Gynecology, P.C., Raybon OB-GYN, LLC, and Robert Raybon | Stephen Lowry Caitlyn Clark Harris Lowry Manton, LLP James E. Carter James E. Carter Law Firm, LLC | Molly Jackson M. Paul Reynolds Huff Powell & Bailey, LLC |
| ST23CV0642 Case to be mediated by 4/17 | Keith Thompson versus Rosa Marie Fortson* <i>*Special Appearance Answer filed</i> | Saif Ahmed Ross Massey Massey Law Group, LLC | Ankur Trivedi Joseph Kaiser Imaya Adris Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC <i>*Samantha Ball Fain, Major, Brennan, Sanford & Hardee, PC</i> |
| ST23CV0789 | James Edward Martin versus Tyler Dockery | Matthew McKagen Steven L. Jones McKagen Jones | Ankur Trivedi Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC |

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| ST24CV0854 | Temitope Olali, Individually, and as Parent and Natural Guardian of Samuel Olali, a minor child versus Larissa Leigh Rogus and Pamela Blackmer Rogus | Donald T. Wells, Jr. Wells and McElwee, P.C. | M. Steven Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP |
| ST24CV1030 | Billie Vandiver versus RARE Hospitality International, Inc. | Robert S. Fickett Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC | Kimberly Sheridan Michael Becker Vernis & Bowling of Atlanta, LLC |
| ST25CV0168 | Mitchell Zane Simpson Individually and as Parent and/or Guardian of Onyx Simpson, minor versus Paul Wood | John S. O'Briant Morgan & Morgan, PLLC | M. Steven Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP |
| ST25CV0252 | Cleveland Bryant, Jr. versus Ria Shankar and Prabhu Shankar | Megan Garcia Morgan & Morgan, PLLC | Terry Brantley Sally Hayden Marsh, Atkinson & Brantley, LLC |
| ST25CV0258 | Christopher Gearin versus Madeline Bumgardner | James Berrigan Morgan & Morgan, PLLC | John D. Rogers, Jr. Williams & Associates |
| ST25CV0277 | Rachel Kim versus Lauren Holley | Robert K. Young Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC | LaShawn W. Terry Law Office of Marcus A. Blackwell |
| ST25CV0289 | Marie Norton versus Deyanira Catalan and Isaura Catalan | Ian Wagner Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC | Sarah Britt Daniel Prout, Jr. Waldon Adelman Castilla McNamara & Prout |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

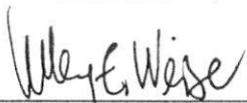
I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on April 15, 2026 and for a Jury Trial the week of May 11, 2026 and Exhibit A on all counsel as listed on said calendar electronically through PeachCourt, as well as the following by hand delivery:

Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court

and

Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Office

This 16th day of March, 2026.



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