

FILED IN OFFICE  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT  
CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

2023 MAY 11 PM 2:44

CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
and Jury Trials for the Week of July 17, 2023**

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 Lesley Weise at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@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.

**May 25, 2023**

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.

**June 8, 2023**

Consolidated Pre-trial Order shall be submitted by this date to the Staff Attorney by email at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@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).

<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.***

**June 14, 2023**

**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.

**June 15, 2023**

**Pre-trial Conference** shall be held at **9:00 a.m.** in 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 [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@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 17, 2023**

**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](mailto: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 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 Lesley Weise at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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

**Civil Calendar Call for Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Jury trial week to begin on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

1. Erica Banks v. Rhanda Burden  
ST-17-CV-0307  
Joshua Branch / William Cowsert & Michael Broun
2. Kimberly Crandall, individually and as parent and natural guardian of Annabelle Crandall v. Chandler Hannah  
**CPTO entered**  
ST-20-CV-0361  
Ronald Hulsey, Rustin Smith, & Joshua K. Brown / Trenton W. Edwards / Joshua Ruplin
3. Davic Le v. Benjamin Dasher  
ST-17-CV-0383  
Roger Orlando / William Cowsert & Michael Broun / Lashawn Terry
4. Susan Michelle Francis and Donald Carson Francis v. Nelson Pavao  
ST-19-CV-0013  
Kevin Elwell / Michael C. Kendall & Sylvia Cobb / Timothy L. Mitchell
5. Demarris L. Heard v. Nicole P. Irizarry  
ST-19-CV-0329  
Don Wells / William Gordon & Joshua Ruplin
6. Joyce Wilson v. Tedra Shriner a/k/a Tedra Watts a/k/a Tedra Graycheck, Donald Nichols and Donna Nichols  
ST-19-CV-0375  
No attorney / William Cowsert
7. Gabriel Sanchez & American Trucking Cargo, LLC v. Emily Morgan Wainwright & John Edward Warmack  
ST-19-CV-0505  
Richard T. Taylor, Ruben J. Cruz, & Raye Anne Viers / William Cowsert / Andrew Capobianco
8. Ella Binder, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Rosie Mae Perkins, Bruce Perkins, & Deborah Blasé v. J.D. Puckett Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Peach State Medical Transportation, and Lisa Allen  
ST-19-CV-0593  
Kenneth Shigley & Samuel J. Crowe / Mary-Margaret Noland & Mark J. Edwards
9. Sarah Willoughby v. Scotty Lee Hall  
ST-20-CV-0053  
Brian Aplin / William Cowsert
10. 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  
ST-20-CV-0251  
Amir Nowroozzadeh / Melissa Segel, Kelly Chartash & Thomas Brennan / Trey Moody, Allison Gylfe, Andrew Moody, Roberto Bazzani, Joi Siler, & David Rusnak
11. Camryn Ross v. Tijay Warrnies McKenzie  
ST-20-CV-0315  
Ronald Chalker / William Cowsert & Joseph Stephens
12. Stelnesia Collins and Margaret Brown v. Estate of Antion Xazion Brown, Deceased  
ST-20-CV-0317  
Freddrell Green / William Cowsert
13. Sophia Johnson v. Jonette Jones  
ST-20-CV-0325  
Minerva Steele / Nikolai Makarenko & Douglas MacKimm
14. Nicholas Smith, Joel Smith, and Carmeana Smith v. Shevlyn Taylor, Mike Rizo, Gregory Taylor, John Doe 1, and John Doe 2  
ST-20-CV-541  
Brian Craig, John Schultz, & Kathleen Edwards Opperman / Trey Moody, Allison Gylfe, & Andrew Moody / William Cowsert & Michael Broun

**Civil Calendar Call for Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
Jury trial week to begin on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

- 
15. Douglas Calderon-Alvanes v. Jose F. Castro  
ST-20-CV-0587 (Damages only)  
Joseph Conoscienti, Juan Silva & J. Blake Ledbetter / John McArthur
16. Alketia Moses v. Willie Jones, Clarke County School District, John Does (1-2), & ABC Corporations (1-2)  
ST-20-CV-0615  
Kevin Patrick / Michael Prueff
17. Brooke Leighann Moon v. Ellen Kilgos and Gary Kilgos  
ST-20-CV-0633  
Evan Rosenberg & Blake Fluevog / William Cowsert
18. Ernie Nkembo-Miantezoulo v. Turner Automotive, Inc. & Brandon M. Rehberg  
ST-20-CV-0642  
Jeremy Babb / William Merchant & John Blair
19. Lucille Smith v. Elizabeth L. Johnson  
ST-20-CV-677  
Jonathan Rosenberg, David Byrd, & Seth Bader / Katherine Rouse & Rakhi McNeill / William Cowsert
20. Kimberly Lashley as Surviving Spouse of Deshawn Anthony Lashley, Deceased v. Deborah S. Hembree  
ST-20-CV-0681  
Brian D. Rogers / William Cowsert
21. Delmi Osorio Umana and Delmi Osorio Umana as Mother of Minor Jeffrey Molina and Allison Molina v. Natasha N. Mitchell Ishwarsingh Udhvani, John Does 1-3, and ABC Corporations 1-3  
ST-20-CV-0703  
Joseph Fleishman / Andrew Feske & Kevin Branch / Kristen Killeen
22. John Hendrix v. Roswell M. Sutherland  
ST-21-CV-0061  
Catherine Powell, Douglas Powell & Kathy Edwards Opperman / William Cowsert & Joseph Stephens
23. Sharon Renee Jackson v. Cornelius Kevon Peterson and Anthony Barrett Peterson  
ST-21-CV-0199  
No attorney / Lashawn Terry
24. Ethan M. Jack v. Jaycee C. Neal & John Doe  
ST-21-CV-0205  
David M. Thomas / Cameron McKinney / William Cowsert
25. Deidra L. Allen v. Syleen L. Frazier, Audrey W. Perry, Wanda E. Dowdy, & John Doe 1-5  
ST-21-CV-0252  
William Hagood & Jacob M. Jackson / Jeffrey Kershaw / Aaron Smith / William Cowsert
26. Cavalry SPV I, LLC v. Blaine N. Davis  
ST-21-CV-0279  
James Nadler / no attorney
27. Phillip Mosley v. Anthony J. Deutsch  
ST-21-CV-0393  
J. Blair Craig & David Brauns / Robert Hoyland
28. Sharon Stewart v. Isabella Diane Humphrey and Angela Brunson Humphrey  
ST-21-CV-0413  
Donald Wells, Jr. / Nevriye Davis / Robyn Roth
29. Wanda Jean Abernathy v. Betty L. Lee  
ST-21-CV-0517  
Steven Suna & Kathy Edwards-Opperman / William Casey & Blake Reed
30. Ji Hyun Min v. Jared Dean Judy and Jennifer Leigh Stinson, Individually and Severally  
ST-21-CV-0527  
Michael E. Carroll / William Cowsert
31. Sheila Howard v. Walgreens Co. and Fictitious Parties 1-5  
ST-21-CV-0541  
Danielle Obiorah / Ashley Webber

**Civil Calendar Call for Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
Jury trial week to begin on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>32. Mary Wallace v. Deshun Billups<br/>ST-21-CV-0591<br/>Mary M. Russell &amp; Michael Ruppensburg /<br/>Nanci Corsi / Bruce Dubberly, IV / Bradley<br/>Wolff</p> <p>33. Matthew Montgomery v. Joanna Turner,<br/>James Turner, John Doe 1-2, ABC Corp.,<br/>and XYZ Corp.<br/>ST-21-CV-0593<br/>Stella Adhisurya &amp; Randall Burton / William<br/>Cowsert &amp; Michael Broun</p> <p>34. Carson D. Carter v. Henry Thomas Browne<br/>ST-21-CV-0621<br/>Keith M. Morris / William Cowsert</p> <p>35. Tawanna Wilson v. Lisa Djernes and John<br/>Doe<br/>ST-21-CV-0633<br/>Sara Landeryou &amp; Harlan H.F. Wood /<br/>Destiny Wilkinson / Kayla Bell</p> <p>36. Adeyemi Makanjuola v. Anna Elizabeth<br/>Darnell<br/>ST-21-CV-0637<br/>Ibrahim Awad &amp; Bret S. Moore / William<br/>Cowsert</p> <p>37. Yulanda Barcus v. Laura Onstott<br/>ST-21-CV-0662<br/>Mark A. Molina / William Cowsert</p> <p>38. Norman Gainer v. Autozone Stores, LLC<br/>d/b/a Autozone Auto Parts Athens #3449<br/>ST-21-CV-0689<br/>Donald Wells, Jr. / Edward M. Newsom</p> <p>39. Carla Colquett, Individually and as<br/>Administrator of the Estate of Hazel Harrell;<br/>and Brenda K. Heath v. Universe Cypress,<br/>LLC; Cypress Skilled Nursing, LLC; and<br/>Cypress Operating, LLC<br/>ST-21-CV-0707<br/>Mary J. Perry / Barbara Marschalk &amp; John<br/>S. Stevens</p> | <p>40. Almaguer Jaimes v. Leon Pineaar<br/>ST-21-CV-0721<br/>Joshua Branch / S.E. Moody, III, Andrew<br/>Moody &amp; Allison Gylfe / Spencer Woody</p> <p>41. Aarsh Patel v. Chaakravarthy Nulu<br/>ST-21-CV-0781<br/>Winston Briggs &amp; Kathleen Opperman /<br/>John Hannay</p> <p>42. Erika Laguna Limas Lorena, Ashley<br/>Fernandez, and Jeimi Fernandez v. Avonnia<br/>E. Latelers<br/>ST-21-CV-0853<br/>Talal Ghosheh / Wayne McGrew</p> <p>43. Suwilanji Kaira Chanda v. Gary Charles<br/>Williams (Def. in default; trial as to damages<br/>only)<br/>ST-21-CV-0855<br/>Leonid Felgin / no attorney / Morris Margulis</p> <p>44. Matthew Mackinnon Gibbs and Marguerite<br/>Gibbs v. Gabrielle Alexandra Connally and<br/>John Does #1-2<br/>ST-21-CV-0866<br/>Matthew R. Hagen / Robert Hoyland / Claire<br/>Sumner</p> <p>45. Charlotte McKenzie v. Jacob Sandor and<br/>John Doe<br/>ST-21-CV-0886<br/>Keenan Rogers / Morris Margulis / Tonya<br/>Boykin</p> <p>46. Patricia Zackery v. Soraya Armstrong and<br/>John Doe(s) 1-10<br/>ST-22-CV-0283<br/>Casey Hill / William Cowsert</p> |
|--|--|

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

---

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on June 15, 2023 and for a Jury Trial the week of July 17, 2023 and Calendar on all counsel as listed on said Calendar by mail and email as well as the following by hand delivery:

Beverly Logan, Clerk of Court

Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Office

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



---

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