

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

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**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for February 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
and Jury Trials for the Week of March 3, 2025**

CLERK OF COURTS
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DOCKET INITIALS

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.

January 31, 2025

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.

February 3, 2025

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.

February 3, 2025

Consolidated Pre-trial Order shall be filed with the Court and 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.

February 9, 2025

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.

February 10, 2025

Pre-trial Conference shall be held at **9:00 a.m.** in the State Court Courtroom, Fifth 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.

March 3, 2025

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 4th day of December, 2024.



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

**Civil Calendar Call for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Jury trial week to begin on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.**

1. Litisha Henry v. Soritas Fears,
Southeastrans Inc., Georgia Medical
Transportation Inc.
ST21CV0259
Adewale Odetunde & William Pate / Jason
Darneille
2. Brittany Harvey v. We All We Got, Et al
ST20CV0135
Avis Hornsby-Culpepper & Kristie Hornsby /
Freddrell Green & Roy Manoll
3. Reese Alexander v. The Warehouse Athens
LLC, John Doe, Et Al
ST22CV0317
Michael Weaver / M. Steven Heath &
Matthew Moseley
4. Dwayne Ramey and Melissa Ramey v. Ann
Woodruff
ST23CV0061
Jeremy F. Babb / Melissa A. Segel &
Catherine A. Gavriliadis
5. Tierra Watkins v. Pilgrim's Pride
Corporation, Et Al
ST23CV0075
Jameson Sackey / Ashley Webber & Negin
Portivent
6. Louise Yvonne Morris v. Victor Oswald
Robinson
ST23CV0131
R. Douglas Lenhardt & Bartlett Benton /
Hilliard V. Castilla
7. Gustavo Rodriguez v. Keith Bolton,
Abraham Ande Fshasion, and Winget
Trucking, LLC
ST23CV0143
James Ross Massey & Saif Ahmed / Donald
T Wells Jr. & Elizabeth Bentley / James
Taylor
8. Karisa Erbeck v. Elsheva Naomi Craig
ST23CV0164
R Michael Malcom & Charles Ferguson /
Lucas Cowan
9. Henry F Langford v. Jacob T Evansun
ST23CV0256
Blaine Norris & Reid Peacock / Amina
Bakari- Green & Mahi Senthilkumar /
Andrew Capobianco

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on February 10, 2025 and for a Jury Trial the week of March 3, 2025 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 4 day of December, 2024.



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