

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

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**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for May 14, 2025 at 2:30 pm
and Jury Trials for the Week of Monday, June 9, 2025**

CLERK OF COURTS
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DOCKET 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.

April 14, 2025

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 25, 2025

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.

May 2, 2025

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.

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.***

May 14, 2025

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 April 7, 2025 to request an alternative date for a pre-trial conference.

June 9, 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 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.

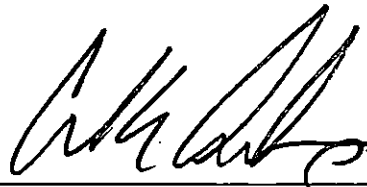
Amendments: The Court will not enter pre-trial orders that contain provisions attempting to reserve the right to amend the pre-trial order or to conduct discovery. Amendments will be allowed only upon order of the Court and upon good cause shown.

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 27 day of March, 2025.



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, May 14, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Jury trial week of June 9, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Case No.	Case Style	Counsel for Plaintiff	Counsel for Def./*UMC
ST23CV0130 <i>10/11/24 Case Management Order applies to this case</i> <i>3/27/25 Scheduling Order does not apply to this case</i>	Eric Eugene Smalls and Marie Antoinette Smalls versus Athens Area Urology, P.C. and Robert Roy Byrne, M.D.	Erik Olson The Olson Law Firm, LLC Stacy Godfrey Evans Stacey Evans Law Maxwell Thelen Ashby Thelen Lowry	Scott Bailey Devon Zawko Huff, Powell & Bailey, LLC
ST21CV0893 <i>CPTO entered 7/31/24</i> <i>3/27/25 Scheduling Order does not apply to this case</i>	Alize Woodall, by and through Hillary B. Cranford, Conservator versus BOS Security, Inc.	Michael Rafi Christopher Stokes Rafi Law Firm	William Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST20CV0774	Caroline Bradley versus Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc, Eric Mitchell, and John Does 1 and 2	Keenan Nix Christopher Graddock ShaMiracle Rankin Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC Darren Summerville The Summerville Firm, LLC	Jackson Dial Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC Austin Atkinson Hall Booth Smith, P.C.
ST22CV0663	Kenneth Odell Stevens versus Jared Hugh Bailey	Thomas O. Rainey, IV Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC	William Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP

ST22CV0713	Stanley Patmon and Bobby Porter versus AV Express LTD d/b/a AVX, Anthony A. Coleman, and Knightsbrook Insur. Co.	Johnquel E. Neal Adewale Odetunde Janelle Zabresky WLG Atlanta, LLC Bobby Porter (pro se) 210 Marlborough Downs Rd. Bogart, GA 30622	Jason G. Wyrick S. Jacob McCarthy Cruser, Mitchell, Novitz, Sanchez, Gaston & Zimet, LLP
ST23CV0114	Alexander Vieillard versus Diamond T. Terrell And Jaleel Pittman	Saif Ahmed Ross Massey Massey Law Group, LLC	Jay Eidex Robert Dinkins, Jr. Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC Jeffrey M. Hood Hood Law Firm, LLC *Kristin Yoder Jamelah Plato Cruser Mitchell Novitz Sanchez Gaston & Zimet, LLP
ST23CV0373	Enoelia Jarquin-Parada versus Willie Walton	Ross Massey Saif Ahmed Massey Law Group, LLC	Ian Kahler Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex, LLC
ST23CV0457	Ava Browner versus Malina Ruiz	Landon Crider Harrell J. Gunn The Gunn Law Group	Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST23CV0745	Kierra Emerson versus Pierre St. Brice	Christian Pecone Castan Lecca & Boeschon, P.C.	William Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0056	Frankie Jordan and Janet Jordan versus Amanda Cantey and John Doe	Kathryn Sherry Monge & Associates	William Cowsert Michael S. Broun Cowsert Heath, LLP

ST24CV0122	Douglas Reese Jones versus Barbi Faye Houseman	Blaine Norris Reid Peacock Norris Injury Law	Ashley F. Chaney Law Office of Robert D. Ream
ST24CV0186	Jessica Mourani versus Christian A. Milner, Roll-Off Systems, Inc., National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A., and ABC Corp.	Peter Jaraysi Andrew Cobb Brian D. Wright Jaraysi Law, LLC	M. Steven Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0308	Nardine Gird versus William Flowers	Jarrett Miller Zachary Shewmaker Horst Shewmaker, LLC	Sarah Britt Daniel Prout, Jr. Waldon Adelman Castilla McNamara & Prout
ST24CV0449	Jovitta A. Julius versus Katherine W. Patterson	Ross Massey Ryan Carnes Massey Law Group, LLC	William Cowsert Michael S. Broun Cowsert Heath, LLP *Lindsay Reese Law Office of Marcus A. Blackwell

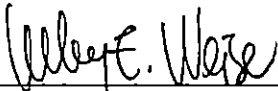
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on May 14, 2025 and for a Jury Trial the week of Monday, June 9, 2025 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 27th day of March, 2025.



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