

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRE-TRIAL CALENDAR AND STATUS CONFERENCES
March 11, 2024

**ALL COUNSEL ARE TO BE FAMILIAR WITH, AND ADHERE TO, ALL PROVISIONS
OF THIS NOTICE.**

Pre-trial conferences will be held on **March 11, 2024** in the Law Library of the Judicial Center in Thomasville, Georgia.

Jury Trials:

ALL CASES TO BE TRIED BY A JURY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE and PREPARE A PRE-TRIAL ORDER.

Non-Jury Trials:

A pre-trial order will not be required for the cases that are designated as non-jury matters.

Counsel for each party shall confer and submit to the court, in writing, no later than March 4, 2024, the contentions of the parties, the time estimated in hours to try the matter, and whether the presence of a court reporter is required.

If counsel fails to confer, then appearance by both counsel will be required at the pre-trial conference. If counsel submits a conflict notice for the March 11, 2024 pre-trial conference, the Court will expect counsel to confer and submit the contentions to the Court prior to the March 4, 2024 deadline date.

Status Conferences:

Cases designated for a status conference are listed on this calendar. ALL counsel must attend the status conference in person. No exceptions. The only exception would be a filed final order, which would need to be delivered to the Court prior to March 11, 2024.

SO ORDERED, this 19th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Richard M. Cowart

**CHIEF JUDGE RICHARD M.
COWART**
SUPERIOR COURTS,
SOUTHERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THOMAS COUNTY
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRE-TRIAL CALENDAR
March 11, 2024**

NOTICE FOR JURY TRIAL CASES

Pre-trial conferences on the within cases will be held on March 11, 2024, in the Law Library of the Judicial Center in Thomasville, Georgia, at the date and time assigned herein for each respective case. **ALL COUNSEL ARE TO BE FAMILIAR WITH, AND ADHERE TO, ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTICE.**

Attention is directed to Uniform Superior Court Rules (U.R.) 7.1, 7.2, and 14, which are by reference incorporated herein. The Uniform Superior Court Rules will be referred to hereinafter as "U.R."

A copy of this order is included by reference in every pre-trial order filed in the Southern Judicial Circuit.

No case will be placed on the Trial Calendar without a pre-trial order being filed therein in accordance with U.R. 7.2 and this notice, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

The Court directs that counsel for both parties confer at their earliest convenience to refine the issues, arrive at all possible stipulations, exhibit and exchange documentary evidence, and furnish each other a written statement of their contentions.

After so conferring, counsel for the plaintiff shall prepare a pre-trial order which shall be in compliance with U.R. 7.2 as is applicable to the particular type case. The proposed pre-trial order shall also state:

- (1a) The type of case (Personal Injury, Property Damage, Divorce, Counterclaim, etc.);
- (4a) Whether counsel will agree to waive jury trial, agree to trial by a six person jury, proceed with a lesser number of jurors than selected should any of them be unable to complete the trial for any reason;
- (6a) Plaintiff's contentions of applicable law;
- (7a) Defendant's contentions of applicable law;
- (8a) Issues of law;
- (13a) Facts established by pleadings;
- (14c) Documents to be admitted into evidence without objection;
- (16a) A statement of other ordinances and statutes applicable.

Such proposed pre-trial order shall be presented to the court, in duplicate, at the pretrial conference; **OR** counsel for the parties may sign and deliver the original and one copy of same to:

**JUDGE RICHARD M. COWART
P.O. BOX 806
VALDOSTA, GA 31603
Email: cowart@southernjudicialcircuit.com**

on or before the 4th day of March, 2024. (U.R. 7.2)

Unless so notified by the Court, counsel for all parties that have jury trial cases shall attend the scheduled pre-trial conference.

The Court directs that counsel for all parties in **Domestic Relations** cases submit to the Court along with the proposed pre-trial order, or at the time of the scheduled pre-trial conference, one list of all assets of the parties which are to be divided by the jury as separate property or separate debt, and one list of marital property and marital debt. Any asset not on one of said lists, will not be submitted to the jury. The list of marital property and debt shall contain a proposed allocation of such asset or debt and shall also contain an indicated space for the awarding of such asset or debt by the jury.

All objections to testimony on file with the Court shall be called to the Court's attention at the time the proposed pre-trial order is submitted or shall be deemed to have been waived; objections to depositions taken after the time of the submission of the pre-trial order shall be called to the court's attention and disposed of prior to trial week or shall be deemed to have been waived.

No exhibit will be admitted unless submitted to and initialed by opposing counsel, and numbered prior to the selection of the jury.

Any person not listed under the "will have present" or the "may have present" witness list in the pre-trial order, shall not be allowed to testify.

The parties shall jointly prepare a proposed verdict form and submit the same to the court at the time of the pre-trial conference; if the parties are unable to agree on a form, each party shall submit a proposed form to the court.

A copy of all proposed Requests to Charge shall be delivered to the Court at the time of the submission of the proposed pre-trial order or at the pre-trial conference. The original request need not be filed nor copy furnished to opposing counsel until commencement of the trial. (U.R. 10.3)

If no defensive pleadings have been filed and the case is in default, plaintiff's counsel shall bring a proposed default judgment to said conference. If the case is in default and the claim is ex delicto or based upon an unliquidated claim, plaintiff's counsel shall present evidence at said conference on the issue of damages and present a proposed judgment therefor to the Court at said conference.

If the case is to be dismissed, dismissal must be filed with Clerk prior to pre-trial conference and judge's office notified, or written dismissal should be brought to the pre-trial conference.

If the case is a Divorce action and no defensive pleadings have been filed, or there are no issues remaining for trial, counsel for the plaintiff shall present evidence on the issue of divorce and a proposed decree at said conference.

SO ORDERED, this 19th day of February, 2024.

s/Richard M. Cowart
HON. RICHARD M. COWART
CHIEF JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURTS
SOUTHERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
CIVIL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE CALENDAR
MARCH 11th, 2024

HONORABLE RICHARD M. COWART, PRESIDING

NOTE: Civil Trials for the following cases are scheduled for the week of April 22ND, 2024 , contingent upon cases having completed mediation. Any cases not mediated, or not having been previously exempted from mediation, will not be tried during that trial week.

STATUS CONFERENCES:

<u>TIME:</u>	<u>CASE NO:</u>	<u>CASE:</u>	<u>ATTORNEY:</u>
9:30 AM	2022CV0610	Sylvester Brown vs. Ellisia Marshall Giddens	Jason G. Smith Pro se
	2022CVD0652	Brandon Hollis vs. Iyona Bradshaw	Pro se Karla Walker
	2023CVD0350	Sterling Brown vs. Tamia Herring	Pro se Pro se
	2023CV0371	William Bradley Smith vs. Eddie L. Edwards, Jr.	Pro Se Pro se
9:45 AM	2020CVD0271	Erin Kinsey vs. Casey Kinsey (deceased)	Bree Sullivan-Howell Dorothy McCranie
	2022CVD0191	Jessica Jones vs. Hayden Jones	Bree Sullivan-Howell Jennifer Williams

2022CVD0346 William R. Pearce Thomas L. Lehman
vs. Megan Lane
Lindsay K. Pearce

2023CVD0035 Robert E. Yarbrough (deceased) William Blackburn
vs. Dustin Land
Lynda L. Yarbrough

2023CVD0407 Nikki E. Bachani William Blackburn
vs. Pro se
Edward Rojas

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES:

TIME: **CASE NO:** **CASE:** **ATTORNEY:**
10:15 AM 20201CVD0261 Chaslee M. Bowen Andrew Pope
vs. William Blackburn
Ryan Morris

10:30 2022CVD0001 Carolyn Forbes Andrew Pope
vs. William Blackburn
Joseph Forbes

10:40 2022CVD0067 Clifford Ingram Andrew Pope
vs. Pro se
Justin Godwin William Blackburn
(Intervenor)

10:50 2022CV0267 Mabel Mendez Christopher Rodd
vs. George R. Lilly, II
David Vaughn Henry Shaw

11:00	2022CVD0401	Magan Lynn Phillips vs. Russell Joe Phillips	Megan Lane Bree Sullivan-Howell
11:10	2022CVD0484	Charles Johnston, III vs. Marion Simmons	Jami Lewis Bree Sullivan-Howell

11:20	2022CVD0559*	Taylor Melton vs. Steven Melton	Dorothy K. McCranie Thomas Lehman
	*companion		
	2022CVD0671*	Taylor Melton vs. Steven Melton	Dorothy K. McCranie Thomas Lehman

11:30	2023CV0235	Angie Hicks vs. DNS Investment, Inc. Jason Cannon Progressive Insurance	Mark Wade Joseph Wilson Jason Lewis Beatrice Hancock Robert Harrison
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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have this date mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Pre-Trial Calendar to all attorneys having cases listed thereon, to each Pro Se party listed thereon, and to the Judge scheduled to hold Pre-Trial Conferences.

This 19th day of February, 2024.

LaTasha James
DEPUTY CLERK, THOMAS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT