

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

JUDGE DAX E. LÓPEZ

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

JANUARY 4, 2021

2:30PM

Division 6
Judicial Tower
3rd floor, Courtroom D

Summer Schmidt
Civil Case Manager
404.687.7135

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IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISION VI
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND CIVIL JURY CALENDAR

**Consolidated Pretrial Order and Motions in Limine filed by: December 21, 2020.
Mandatory Pretrial Conference to be held via Zoom: January 4, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.
Trial Dates: Available dates will be discussed at the conference.**

DeKalb County continues to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and has the technology to conduct the calendar virtually. **In lieu of an appearance, all parties shall contact the Court by December 21, 2020 regarding proceeding with the Hearing using the Zoom application.**

This is a **ONE WEEK** Trial Calendar. All cases should expect to be reached during the week of trial. Cases may be called out of order as scheduling demands. **Parties will be specially set for trial during the pretrial conference.** The parties are reminded to review the Court's **Standing Order** as they prepare the proposed Consolidated Pre-Trial Order and in anticipation of their attendance at the Pre-Trial Conference.

Parties must submit a CONSOLIDATED Pretrial Order by December 21, 2020, in conformity with Uniform State Court Rule 7.2. Failure to respond to this calendar, or to file the proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order, may result in the parties and/or their counsel being held in **CONTEMPT** and/or in the **DISMISSAL** of the complaint, answer, counterclaim, cross claim or third-party claim, as appropriate.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before **December 21, 2020**.

The **removal** of a case from the Pre-Trial/Jury calendar for any reason shall **ONLY BE BY ORDER OF THE COURT AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT BY DECEMBER 21, 2020**. A Motion for Continuance and/or Extension of Discovery must be by consent of all parties and a **Consent Order** submitted, at the same time as the Motion is filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Lead Counsel is required to be (virtually) present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on January 4, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. In preparation for the pretrial conference, parties are directed to:

- Email Ms. Schmidt a copy of the Consolidated Pretrial Order **in Word format**;
- Discuss settlement options **prior** to the Pretrial Conference and be ready to discuss settlement history with the Court;
- Discuss any motions *in limine* that have been filed and make a good faith effort to resolve them; and
- Discuss any objections in depositions to be presented at trial and make a good faith effort to resolve them. **All unresolved objections, together with argument and citations, shall be brought to the pre-trial conference, with a copy to the Court.** Any objections not brought before the Court prior to trial shall be deemed waived.

Parties are directed to contact the Civil Case Manager, Summer Schmidt, at 404-687-7135 (slschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions.

Standing Order and Calendar may be viewed at: www.dekalbstatecourt.net

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of December, 2020.



Dax E. López, Judge
State Court of DeKalb County



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Case	Parties	Attorneys	
(1)	18A68500	Kathleen Willson	John G Mabrey
	---	VERSUS	---
	Edward P Chen	Joscelyn M Hughes	
Tort -Medical Malpractice			
(2)	18A70473	Yvan Gousse	Matthew Cochran
	---	VERSUS	---
	Allison Dixon	Allison McDonald	
Tort - Auto Accident			
(3)	18A71289	Rene Macias	Kevin Dwyer Fitzpatrick, Jr.
	---	VERSUS	---
	Lara's Trucks, Inc.	Scott R. King	
Contract / Account			
(4)	18A71615	James Alan McDaniel	Gerry Carty
	---	VERSUS	---
	Guadalupe Valencia	Brannon W Carson	
	Allstate Insurance Company	McKenney, Nicholas	
Personal Injury			



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Case	Parties	Attorneys
(5)	18A71944	Delone Jackson
	---	VERSUS ---
	Lawanna Abraham	Matthew P McKagen; Melissa C McDaniel
Tort - Auto Accident		
(6)	19A75541	Wileta Buchanan
	---	VERSUS ---
	Oneal Stewart	Ashley Giblin Rice
Personal Injury		