

# Statewide Business Court Facts

## 1. Do Business Court cases have to be heard in Atlanta?

No, the law provides for a number of location options: Atlanta, Macon, and pre-trial matters can be by video conferencing. A motion may be made by either party to hear the matter in the original venue chosen by the plaintiff. Finally, any jury trials will take place in the original filing location.

(Section 15-5A-2, Lines 49-64)

## 2. What types of cases are heard in Business Court?

Complex business litigation, mergers, high-level contract disputes, trademark litigation, securities litigation, typically between two or more businesses. No personal injury, landlord tenant, family law cases will be heard by the business courts.

(Section 15-5A-3, Lines 89-155)

## 3. What is the threshold for cases before the business court?

The amount in controversy must be at least One million dollars (\$1,000,000) involving commercial property or Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the claim does not involve commercial property.

(Section 15-5A-3, Lines 128-132)

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