

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

NOTICE

Pre-trial conferences on the within cases will be held on **Thursday, September 7, 2017** in the **Law Library at the Thomas County Judicial Center, 325 North Madison Street, 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 pretrial 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 31st day of August, 2017. (U.R. 7.2)

Unless so notified by the Court, counsel for all parties 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 sub mitted 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 pretrial 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 __17th____ day of August, 2017.

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA

CIVIL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

HONORABLE RICHARD M. COWART, PRESIDING

NOTE: Civil Trials for the following cases are scheduled for the week of October 9-13, 2017, contingent upon cases having completed mediation. Any cases not mediated, or not having been previously exempted from mediation, will not be tried during the trial week of October 9-13, 2017.

| <u>TIME</u> | <u>CASE NO</u> | <u>CASE</u> | <u>ATTORNEY</u> |
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| | 14-CV-1052 | Michael E. Watts, Sr. Vs. Monica Watts | pro se Andrew W. Pope |
| | 15-CV-94 | Sabrina McNeil Vs. Greg Lamont McNeil | Bree O. Sullivan Melvin R. Horne |
| | 15-CV-766 | Jamekah R. Brooks Vs. William P. Caulder | Allen S. McConnaughay Robert B. Longstaff, Jr. |
| | 16-CV-618 | Kali Chaney Vs. Camron Floyd | Byron D. Watson pro se |
| | 17-CV-230 | Michelle Collins Vs. Paul Copeland | pro se pro se |

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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 ____ day of August, 2017.

CLERK, THOMAS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT