

CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR
(List Attached)
DECATUR COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PRETRIAL ORDERS DUE **March 28, 2024 at Noon**
PRETRIAL HEARINGS **April 3, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.**
DECATUR COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

The Court directs that counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendant or pro se parties shall meet together to explore the possibilities of settlement, to refine the issues, arrive at possible stipulations, exhibit and exchange documentary evidence, and if settlement is not effectuated, Counsel or pro se parties shall **jointly** prepare **one (1)** proposed Pretrial Order which shall be signed by all Counsel or pro se parties. The proposed Pretrial Order shall be submitted to the Court via email at judgeheardjaa@gmail.com or by hand delivery or courier service at 112 West Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia, 39817 to arrive **before noon** on **March 28, 2024**.

The pretrial order shall follow the Pretrial Order format of U.S.C.R. 7.2, except **all anticipated motions in limine and objections to depositions** shall be delivered **in writing** to the Court by **April 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** The pretrial order will reflect these requirements at the appropriate locations (paragraphs three, seventeen and eighteen).

All anticipated **Requests for Charge** shall be **e-mailed** to the Court at judgeheardjaa@gmail.com by **April 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** If you do not have Internet access, said Requests for Charge shall be delivered to the Court.

The **pretrial conferences** will be held on **April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Decatur County Courthouse, Bainbridge, Georgia. These cases are tentatively scheduled for trial at the May Term of Decatur Superior Court to be held from **May 6, 2024 through May 17, 2024**. **All Counsel and Pro Se parties who will try the case are ordered and directed to attend and be present at the Pretrial Hearing.** All pleadings are closed upon presentation of the Pretrial Order to the Court.

Prior to the selection of the jury, **all documents** and physical evidence that may be tendered at trial **shall be pre-numbered** by the offering party and exhibited to and initialed by opposing Counsel. **At jury selection**, Counsel for each party shall provide to the **Court, Clerk, and Court Reporter**, a **list of the documents and exhibits**, in numerical order, which Plaintiff and Defendant intend or anticipate to be introduced into evidence.

If the parties are willing to stipulate to trial with a six person jury, in which event the Court will permit six strikes for each side, please indicate such stipulation at paragraph 21(d) of the pretrial order.

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All Domestic Relations cases in which the parties have not resolved the issue of **permanent custody and visitation** by agreement, **IN WRITING**, are hereby **scheduled for hearing** and resolution by the Court on **April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Courtroom at the Decatur County Courthouse. **All agreements on issues of permanent custody and visitation must be attached to the proposed Pretrial Order.**

In all Domestic Relations cases involving **Equitable Division of Property**, Counsel shall **jointly** prepare one **list of all property** subject to Equitable Division, indicating thereon the property to which Plaintiff is entitled, the property to which Defendant is entitled, and the property which must be divided by the jury. **This list must be submitted with the proposed Pretrial Order.**

In cases wherein the jury is to determine **child support**, counsel for the parties shall submit to the Court **at the beginning of any trial** their proposed findings regarding the gross income of the father and the mother and the presence or absence of special circumstances. See O.C.G.A. 19-6-15 (a).

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PRETRIAL NOTICE MAY PRECIPITATE DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT OR ANSWER OF THE OFFENDING PARTY OR COUNSEL AND/OR SANCTIONS AS SET OUT IN U.S.C.R. 7.1. ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL SHALL BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.

ORDERED this 7th day of March, 2024.



Lawton C. Heard, Jr.
Judge of Superior Courts
South Georgia Judicial Circuit

Decatur County Civil Pre-Trial List

19CV00355	William Grant & Heather Grant v. Danny Sodrel, D-Rail Transport, LLC and Roy Connell	Doug McMillan Wesley Baldwin David Kendrick
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22CV00227	Genuine Auto Parts v. 18 Wheels Diesel Repair, LLC	B. Emory Potter Wesley Baldwin
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Decatur Domestic Pretrial List

22CV00309	Karissa Bono Vickers v. Harold Eugene Vickers	William Shingler Wesley Baldwin
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23CV00075	Candace Renea Speed Jason Edward Speed	Thomas Lehman Tabitha Payne
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23CV00081	KyMBERly M. Pope Erick R. Pope	Malia Phillips-Lee George Donaldson
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