

JUDGE CHASON'S CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR AND STATUS CONFERENCES

(Lists Attached)

GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

PRETRIAL ORDERS DUE August 28, 2026

PRETRIAL HEARINGS FRIDAY, September 4, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

STATUS CONFERENCES, FRIDAY, September 4, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

GRADY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CAIRO, GEORGIA

For the cases on the Pretrial Calendar, 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 a (one) proposed Pretrial Order** which shall be signed by all Counsel or pro se parties. The original and one copy of the proposed Pretrial Order shall be submitted to the Court at P.O. Box 729, Cairo, Georgia, 39828 **on or before noon on August 28, 2026.** (Faxes of pretrial order are unacceptable.)

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 August 28, 2026 at 9:00 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 superiorcourtofsga@gmail.com by September 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. If you do not have Internet access, said Requests for Charge shall be delivered to the Court.

The pretrial conferences and hearings will be held on September 4, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the **Grady County Courthouse, Cairo, Georgia.** These cases are tentatively scheduled for trial at the September Term of GRADY Superior Court to be held from **September 22, 2026 through October 2, 2026.** **All Counsel and Pro Se parties who will try the case are ordered and directed to attend and be present at the Pretrial.** 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 intends or anticipates 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.

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 September 4, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.** 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).

Status Conferences (List Attached) are scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

ORDERED this 18th day of August, 2026.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PRETRIAL AND STATUS CONFERENCE 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.

M. Claire Chason
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JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURTS
SOUTH GEORGIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

EXHIBIT A
GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PRETRIAL CALENDER

GENERAL CIVIL NON DOMESTIC

22-V-148 V	William Daniels Chassidy Gurley	Andrew Tuggle Thomas Lehman
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23-V-034 V	Tracy D. Barrett Paul Page	Christopher Rodd Thomas Lehman
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GENERAL CIVIL DOMESTIC

23-V-083 V	Andrew Bell Stephanie Eason	Pro Se Bree Sullivan-Howell
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23-V-063 V	Arlen Robert Jenkins Kim Jenkins Natasha Hunter Terrence Smith	Megan Lane Pro Se Pro Se Pro Se
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23-V-130 V	Armando Garcia Brittany Johnson Guadalupe Garcia	Megan Lane Pro Se Pro Se
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24-V-217 V	Casey Lott Grant Brittany Ciera Harrell	Pete Emmons Thomas Lehman
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**GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATUS CONFERENCE CALENDER**

GENERAL CIVIL NON DOMESTIC

24-V-078	Phillip Gurley	Thomas Lehman
V	Jacob M. Waters,	
	Jamie N. Heath,	
	Dexter Cooper,	
	MERS and New American	Bret Chaness
	Funding	

GENERAL CIVIL DOMESTIC

22-V-083	Elizabeth Butler	Dorothy McCranie
V	Leland Butler	Jason Moon