

CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR (List Attached)
GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PRETRIAL ORDERS DUE February 29, 2024
PRETRIAL HEARINGS TUESDAY, March 5, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.
GRADY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
CAIRO, 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 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 February 29, 2024.** (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 February 29, 2024.** 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 March 8, 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 March 5, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at the Grady County Courthouse, Cairo, Georgia. These cases are tentatively scheduled for trial at the **March Term of GRADY Superior Court** to be held from **March 18, 2024 through March 28, 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 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 following the Pretrial Hearings **on** . 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 2nd day of February, 2024.

/s/ M. Claire Chason
M. CLAIRE CHASON
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURTS
SOUTH GEORGIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

EXHIBIT A
GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
GENERAL CIVIL NON DOMESTIC

HEARD

17-V-229 V	Azalee Johnson as Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Johnson Cairo IGA LLC	Clifford M Kirbo Joseph Barrow
18-V-020 V	Glenn E Swanda Jared L Cone	James E Messer, Jr J Holder Smith, Jr W Justin Purvis Bruce Jacobus Jr. Jack L. Platt
20-V-031 V	Cecil M. Rykard Dorothy E. Smith State Farm Mut Auto Ins Co	Gabe Ridley George Lilly Sarah Elizabeth Strickland
20-V-057 V	Vickie Davis Shawn Faircloth	Jessica Idlett J. Smith Sarah Elizabeth Strickland Byron Watson Leslie Kennerly
20-V-207 V	City of Cairo Bryan Andrew Doss	Thomas Lehman A. William Clark
21-V-213 V	Jeffrey Clark Tony Ward Auto Owners Insurance Co.	Carter Scott Clayton Adams Wesley Lambertus J. Holder Smith, Jr.

22-V-164	Luke Bell Belle Harrell	Clifford M. Kirbo
V	Heidi H. Sholar	Eric L. Gay

GENERAL CIVIL DOMESTIC

15-V-128	Crystal Hatcher	Thomas L Lehman
V	Stephen Kyle Hatcher	Bree Sullivan-Howell
21-V-123	Nicole Jones	Gary P. Graham
V	Bolling Jones	Kelley Boswell
		Bree Sullivan-Howell
21-V-160	Ashley Derrick	Bree Sullivan-Howell
V	Zachary Derrick	William Blackburn
22-V-038	Natasha Rice	Karla Walker
V	Ryan Rice	Bree Sullivan-Howell
22-V-217	Kalin Copeland	Chimere Chisolm Trimble
V	Deonta T. Dismuke	Thomas Lehman
23-V-055	James C. Hopkins	Thomas Lehman
V	Shelecia J. Thornton	Chimere Chisolm Trimble