

JUDGE CHASON'S CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR (List Attached)
GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PRETRIAL ORDERS DUE February 13, 2026
PRETRIAL HEARINGS FRIDAY, February 27, 2026 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 13, 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 February 13, 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 February 26, 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 February 27, 2026, 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 16, 2026 through March 27, 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 following the Pretrial **on February 27, 2026.** 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 16th day of January, 2026.

M. Claire Chason

M. CLAIRE CHASON
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURTS
SOUTH GEORGIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

EXHIBIT A
GRADY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
GENERAL CIVIL NON DOMESTIC

20-V-031 V	Cecil M. Rykard Dorothy E. Smith State Farm Mut Auto Ins Co	Gabe Ridley George Lilly Clay Sewell, Jr. Henry Shaw Sarah Elizabeth Strickland J. Smith
24-V-035 V	Gloria Bell Timothy Dukes	Thomas Lehman Pro Se

GENERAL CIVIL DOMESTIC

23-V-032 V	Jennifer Hermann Jonathan Hermann	Megan Lane Dorothy McCranie
24-V-170 V	Patrick E. Evers Georgia Department of Human Services Mikail A. Evers et. al	Pro Se Justin Allegood