

CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR

Decatur County Superior Court
Pretrial Orders Due October 21, 2026, by Noon
Pretrial Hearings October 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
Decatur County Courthouse
Bainbridge, Georgia

The Court directs that counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for Defendant or pro se parties for the cases on the attached list shall meet together to explore the possibilities of settlement, to refine the issues, arrive at possible stipulations, and exhibit and exchange documentary evidence. If settlement is not effectuated, Counsel or pro se parties shall jointly prepare a proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order which shall be signed by all Counsel or pro se parties. The proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order shall be emailed to judgeheardjaa@gmail.com by noon on **October 21, 2026**.

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 October 23, 2026, by 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 October 23, 2026, by 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 October 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Chambers, Decatur County Courthouse, 112 West Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. Virtual pretrial conferences may be allowed by discretion of the Court and consent of all parties. These cases are tentatively scheduled for trial at the November Term of Decatur Superior Court to be held from **November 9, 2026, through November 20, 2026. 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.



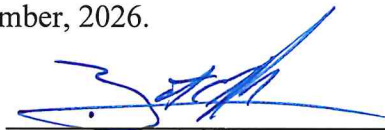
All Domestic Relations cases in which the parties have not resolved the issue of permanent custody and visitation by agreement, IN WRITING, are hereby scheduled for hearing and resolution by the Court on **N/A in the Courtroom of the Decatur County Courthouse**, 112 West Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. 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 30th day of September, 2026.



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

Decatur County Civil Pre-Trial List

22CV00319	Susan A. Pope v. Michael A. Cooper and John M. Bridges, Jr. d/b/a John Bridges Farms	Daniel B. Snipes Matthew Day
23CV00013	Chasity Dukes v. Georgia Department of Corrections	Patrick R. Frank Christina Waide
24CV00215	Brenda Dozier v. Sylvester Roberts	Eric Milles Richard Fields
24CV00243	Christopher Allen, et al. v. Larry Gray	Tim O. Henshaw G. Mason White J. Andrew Owens

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