

**CIVIL PRETRIAL CALENDAR**  
(List Attached)  
MITCHELL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
PRETRIAL ORDERS DUE **FEBRUARY 28, 2024**  
PRETRIAL HEARINGS **MARCH 5, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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 **original and one copy** of the proposed Pretrial Order shall be submitted to the Court via U.S. mail at P.O. Box 7726, Bainbridge, Georgia 39818 or via hand delivery or courier service at 112 West Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia, 39817 to arrive **before noon on February 28, 2024.** (Faxes and emails of pretrial orders are not acceptable.)

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 1, 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](mailto:judgeheardjaa@gmail.com)** by **April 1, 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 10:00 a.m.** in **Judge Heard's Chambers** at 112 West Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. These cases are tentatively scheduled for trial at the April Term of Mitchell Superior Court to be held from **April 15, 2024 through April 26, 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.

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 **March 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Courtroom at the Mitchell County Courthouse All agreements on issues of permanent custody and visitation must be attached to the proposed Pretrial Order.

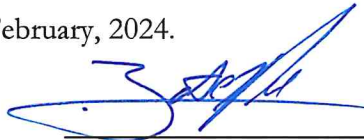


In all Domestic Relations cases involving **Equitable Division of Property**, Counsel shall **jointly** prepare one **list of all property** subject to Equitable Division, indicating thereon the property to which Plaintiff is entitled, the property to which Defendant is entitled, and the property which 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



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

## Exhibit A

### Civil Non-Domestic Calendar

20CV058	Greg Rutland v. GFA Peanut	Adam L. Hebbard Gregory D. Smith Kim M. Minix
20CV140	Hayley Pinkston v. Trisha L. Brinkley	Christopher Rodd Leslie Kennerly
21CV149	Shelby Atkins v. Wynenesia Ward	Pro se Kyle Joyce
21CV151	Michael Williams v. Robert Reddick	Matthew Cook Virginia N. Hall
22CV030	Valerie Williams v. Sonya Warren	Robert Gunn Beau Shrable
22CV098	Derek M. Gaines v. Major Barnwell d/b/a Fair Price Transmissions	Christopher Flowers Pro se
22CV144	Sherri Masterson v. Margaret Acree	David Dozier N. Matthew Monroe
22CV145	Ethan Carden v. Margaret Acree	David Dozier N. Matthew Monroe

### Civil Domestic Calendar

23CV018	Joe L. Jones v. Rutha M. Jones	Brittany Shiver Phil Cannon
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