

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

**Judge Dax Lopez**

**PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE**

**January 29, 2018**

**3:00 pm**

Division 6  
Judicial Tower  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Courtroom D

Summer Schmidt  
Civil Case Manager  
404.687.7135

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IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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**ORDER OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISION VI  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND CIVIL JURY CALENDAR**

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**Mandatory Pretrial Conference: January 29, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Consolidated Pretrial Order filed by: January 22, 2018**

**Trial Weeks: February 12<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This is a **TWO WEEK** Trial Calendar. All cases should expect to be reached during the week of trial. Cases may be called out of order as scheduling demands. Parties are directed to contact the Civil Case Manager, Summer Schmidt, at 404-687-7135 ([slschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:slschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov)) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions.

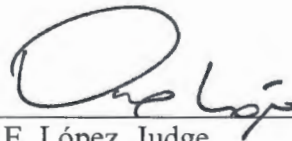
**Parties must submit a CONSOLIDATED Pretrial Order by January 22, 2018** in conformity with Uniform State Court Rule 7.2. **Failure to respond to this calendar, or to file the proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order**, may result in the parties and/or their counsel being held in **CONTEMPT** and/or in the **DISMISSAL** of the complaint, answer, counterclaim, cross claim or third party, as appropriate.

**Lead Counsel is required to be present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on January 29, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** The Parties are instructed to discuss settlement options prior to the Pretrial Conference. Prior to trial, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve any objections in depositions to be presented at trial. **All unresolved objections, together with argument and citations, shall be filed, with a copy to the Court, no later than five days prior to trial.** Any objections not brought before the Court prior to trial shall be deemed waived. **All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before January 22, 2018.** The parties are reminded to review the Court's Standing Order as they prepare the proposed Consolidated Pre-Trial Order and in anticipation of their attendance at the Pre-Trial Conference.

**The removal of a case from the Pre-Trial/Jury calendar for any reason shall ONLY BE BY ORDER OF THE COURT AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT BY JANUARY 22, 2018.** A Motion for Continuance and/or Extension of Discovery must be by consent of all parties and a Consent Order submitted, at the same time as the Motion is filed with the Clerk of the Court.

**Standing Order and Calendar may be viewed at:** [www.dekalbstatecourt.net](http://www.dekalbstatecourt.net).

SO ORDERED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.



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Dax E. López, Judge  
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Case	Parties	Attorneys
( 1 )	14A49930	CHARLES THOMAS
		ROBERT NORMAN LEVINSON
	--- VERSUS ---	
	KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA, LTD	John B Austin; John B Austin; John B Austin
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: Feb of 2016 - Austin and Bastien had leaves filed for 1/02
( 2 )	14A53419	KERRY LEON JAMISON
		Alyssa Baskam
	--- VERSUS ---	
	WAL-MART	Dawn M Rivera; Nicholas E Deeb
	State General Civil	set from the 10/30 PTC and specially set for JT on 2.12.18 @ 9AM - 12P w/ 2 Alternates requested - outstanding motion on social media issues - parties to email responses to AM (stated during 10/30 PTC)*****NEED CPTO*****
( 3 )	14A54157	CHEQUANDRA PICKETT
		Russell Deutschman
	--- VERSUS ---	
	SHYNIKA ETHERIDGE	Daniel C Prout, Jr.
	Personal Injury	previously continued from multiple calendars - UM that was dismissed was recently brought back into the lawsuit and filed and Answer on 10.12.17 - case was most recently continued from the 9.05.17 PTC due to UM be reserved.



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( 4 )	15A56910	CAROLYN JACKSON-EDEH
	---	VERSUS ---
	TAVARIUS JOHNSON	Derric Crowther
		Charles W Rutter, Jr.
	Personal Injury	Discovery expired: 10.19.16 - case previously on motions calendars - atty Rutter had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 5 )	16A58929E6	ALEX HARBIN
	---	VERSUS ---
	Edgewood Retail LLC	James A Rice, Jr.
		Wayne D McGrew, III.; Molly L Moyer
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 12.01.17 - Dismissal of D Lockton Companies was not done by motion - emailed parties back on 09.20.17 and again on 11.03.17 and asked them to provide a motion w/ proposed Order - LOA filed by atty Rice for 7/03; atty McGrew for 7/31, 9/05 - Disco exp: 09.01.17; continued by joint request from the 10.30.17 cal; atty Rice had leave for the 1/02 PTC;
( 6 )	16A59139E6	MARIA SANCHEZ
	---	VERSUS ---
	DURRANI JACOBS	Miguel Castro
		John Alexander Hannay
	Tort - Auto Accident	previously on 2 trial calendars (atty Hannay had leave filed for 1/02 PTC) - CPTO already filed



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( 7 )	16A59257E6	AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF CAMERSON JACKSON, A MINOR
	---	Darrell T Farr
	VERSUS ---	Kenneth C Wilson
	SHALONDA L TAYLOR	
	Loya Insurance Company	
	Tort - Auto Accident	previously on the 10/02/17 PTC - reset due to D's MTD - CPTO already submitted, but not signed
( 8 )	16A59403E6	WILLIE SCOTT
	---	Brooks P Neely; David M. Zagoria
	VERSUS ---	
	Sage Commercial, LLC	
	State General Civil	John L McKinley, Jr.; LAWRENCE B DOMENICO; Barbara A Marschalk
		Disco exp: 09.04.17 attys had leave that covered calendars through December and atty Zagoria had leave for 1/02
( 9 )	16A59789	Tyree Mormon
	---	Sanford M Hill
	VERSUS ---	
	Jantz Miller	Megan Scheller
	Tort - Auto Accident	previously continued from the 10.02 PTC to allow time for a mediation that was scheduled for Dec - atty Scheller had leave for 1/02 PTC filed.



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( 10 ) 16A60428	First Acceptance Insurance Co. of GA aso Andrew Bronson	Candace M Boutwell
	--- VERSUS ---	Lauren R Boone
	Gregory B. Smith	
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 02.18.17 - outstanding motion to compel - parties have not complied with the Standing Order - 2 emails sent to the parties re same w/ SO attached and direction - case not previously set to a PTC due to outstanding MTC, however, parties will not respond to my emails - Candance Boutwell had leave for 1/02 PTC ***rcvd email from atty Boone on 11.15.17, MTC to be withdrawn
( 11 ) 16A60611	Terry Stoor	LLOYD N BELL
	--- VERSUS ---	
	Emory Healthcare, Inc.	Stephen H Sparwath; HUNTER S ALLEN JR
	Tort -Medical Malpractice	case previously cont from multiple calendars at the request of both parties (to complete arbitration and to schedule/complete depositions) - no further cont due to the age of the case - atty Bell had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 12 ) 16A60613	Brenda Ogando	David M. Zagoria
	--- VERSUS ---	
	George Grant	Amanda Coop
	Personal Injury	Previously set for 9.27 JTC - removed due to atty Coop's conflict; atty Zagoria has leave that covered the Dec PTC and the 1.02 PTC - emailed parties regarding same on 10.02.17



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( 13 ) 16A60720	Walt Smith	Jack A Hinton
	--- VERSUS ---	
	Jesse W. Shattuck	Thomas Eugene Brennan; Thomas Eugene Brennan
	Personal Injury	Continued from the 10.02.17 PTC - discovery was reopened for 90 days: exp on 12.26.17
( 14 ) 16A61300	Dina M. Hairston	Jacob M Jackson
	--- VERSUS ---	
	James Lee	Harvey G Berss; Kenneth C Wilson
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 12.16.17 - CC filed by UM
( 15 ) 16A61324	Larry L. Hairston	Jacob M Jackson
	--- VERSUS ---	
	James Lee	Nikolai Makarenko, Jr.; Nikolai Makarenko, Jr.; Nikolai Makarenko, Jr.; Harvey G Berss; Kenneth C Wilson
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 12.16.17 - CC filed by UM



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( 16 ) 16A61327	Kristina M. Jones --- VERSUS --- Greg Phillip McCrery	JOHN DA GROSA SMITH  Adam P Smith
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: 05.30.17 - previously continued from the 9/05/17 PTC and the 10/30/17 PTC - atty Russell Waldon had leave filed for 1/02 PTC *****CPTO already rcvd*****no further continuances
( 17 ) 16A61402	Lawanda McAllister --- VERSUS --- Darren McKinnon	Harlan H.F. Wood  Jabari C. Rollins
	Amica Mutual Insurance Company Tort - Auto Accident	Previously cont from the 5/01 PTC - atty Makarenko had leave for Oct trial dates and 10/30 PTC; attys Makarenko and Rollins have leave filed for 1/02 PTC - emailed parties to see if they wanted to waive their leave for the 1/02 PTC
( 18 ) 16A61430	Yalina Disla --- VERSUS --- Tinsley Jo Cohen	Shea R Schulman  Sharon E Andrews
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.01.17 - atty Andrews had leave for 1/02 PTC





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( 19 ) 16A61607	Trust Ojeiwa --- VERSUS --- Brandon Smith	Brooks P Neely  Michael D Hoffer
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 12.12.17
( 20 ) 16A61656	Laquita Skrine --- VERSUS --- Paradise East Apartments, LLC	R SCOTT CAMPBELL; R SCOTT CAMPBELL  Dennis Gary Lovell, Jr.; Dennis Gary Lovell, Jr.; Dennis Gary Lovell, Jr.
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: 06.09.17 (Default opened on 8.22.17) - atty O'Brien had leave filed for Oct PTC and Dec trial dates - atty Lovell had leave for Jan 2nd PTC
( 21 ) 16A61692	Sasheller Toussaint --- VERSUS --- Byron Leonard Heath	Melissa Auzine  David W Wallace
	Appeal from a Lower Court	Discovery exp: 06.19.17 (atty Wallace had leave that covered Sept, Nov, Dec calendars and atty Auzine had leave that covered Jan 2nd PTC) - emailed attys and they were agreeable to scheduling case on the 1/29 cal.



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( 22 ) 16A61947	HANIAH BAGENT --- VERSUS --- OLIVIA BARCLAY-GRAVES	Houston D Smith, III.; Houston D Smith, III.  Gwenivere Byerson
	Tort - Auto Accident	set to this cal by Judge during the 10/30 PTC****CPTO eFiled on 10.31.17*****
( 23 ) 16A62313	ScripTech, LLC --- VERSUS --- MD Recycling, INC.	KEITH HASSON; KEITH HASSON  Joshua S Ruplin; BRYAN GRANTHAM
	State General Civil	Discovery exp: 11.24.17 - atty Ruplin had leave for 1/02 PTC
( 24 ) 16A62314	Brian Childers --- VERSUS --- Glenn Bundesmann	GREGORY B MCMENAMY  Ann Cox Mandel
	Tort - Auto Accident	Discovery exp: 11.25.17 - previously continued from the 10/30 PTC by joint request - DeBaun and McMenamy had leaves filed for 1/02



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( 25 )    16A62580	Sheki Rodgers  --- VERSUS ---  Kenya Walton	Basil Buchanan, Jr.; Basil Buchanan, Jr.   Alaina S Howard; Hemanth Digumarthi
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 07.20.17 - atty Gallahar had leave filed for Sept PTC; atty Digumarthi had leave filed that covered our Oct PTC, Nov Trial dates and Dec PTC - attys Howard and Gallahar had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 26 )    16A62624	DONNA HEFLIN  --- VERSUS ---  AARON DUWELL	Sean R Campbell   William T Casey, Jr.; William T Casey, Jr.
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.09.17 - atty Campbell had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 27 )    17A62791	Joy Evo  --- VERSUS ---  Commercial Development, LLC c/o Construction Materials, Inc. / Tom Harrison, RA	Stephen Alan Shea   Kori E Eskridge
	Tort - Premise Liability	Disco exp: 11.07.17 - atty Mike Crawford had leave filed for 1/02 PTC



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( 28 ) 17A62956	ALLSTATE FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY	Candace M Boutwell
	--- VERSUS ---	Sean L Hynes
	Kara Wicke	
	State General Civil	Disco exp: 10.24.17 - atty Boutwell had leave for 1/02
( 29 ) 17A63048	Dianne Hall	Edtora T Jones
	--- VERSUS ---	
	Brown Trucking Company	MICHAEL P JOHNSON; MICHAEL P JOHNSON; MICHAEL P JOHNSON
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 09.10.17 - atty Jones had leave for 1/02 PTC
( 30 ) 17A63099	Irene Borum	Natalie S Woodward
	--- VERSUS ---	
	John Carter, M.D.	Daniel J Huff
	Tort -Medical Malpractice	Disco exp: 12.02.17
( 31 ) 17A63143	Desdimonia Cross	Darrell T Farr
	--- VERSUS ---	
	Victor Alm	Timothy J Gardner
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 09.27.17 - atty Farr has leave filed for Oct PTC - atty Gardner for 1/02 PTC - offer of settlement filed



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( 32 ) 17A63174	Twannia Holeman --- VERSUS --- Shameka Burch	Robert O Bozeman  Adam P Smith
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: 09.30.17 - atty Medwick had leave filed for Nov Trial dates, Dec Trial dates and Jan 2nd PTC
( 33 ) 17A63424	SHARON PURCELL RIVERA --- VERSUS --- GREGORY J HILL	Ralph E Hughes  Allison Bloom
	Georgia Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co. Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.31.17 - atty Pruett had leave for 1/02 PTC
( 34 ) 17A63616	Derek K. Lord --- VERSUS --- Robert McMichael	Sarah R. Jett  Brandee L Strothers
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 10.27.17 - attys Jett and Strothers have leaves that cover 1/02 PTC
( 35 ) 17A63643	Jennifer Therazin --- VERSUS --- NA Druid Hills 78, LP	CHADWICK WALKER  Johnathan T Krawcheck; John L McKinley, Jr.; John L McKinley, Jr.
	Tort - Premise Liability	Disco exp: 10.13.17 - atty Ojeda had leave filed for Dec Trial cal and Jan 2nd PTC



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( 36 ) 17A63709	Shanna VanTassell --- VERSUS --- Custom Fence of Atlanta	Scott S Cohen  Thomas O Sippel
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.12.17 - atty Sippel had leave for 1/02 PTC
( 37 ) 17A63788	Timbet Manley --- VERSUS --- THE BRADEN FELLMAN GROUP, LTD.	Evan H Howell  Stephanie F Brown; Stephanie F Brown
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.02.17 - atty Brown had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 38 ) 17A63841	Raissa Dorff --- VERSUS --- James G. Herndon	Allen L Broughton  Josanne Celestine
	Tort - Premise Liability	Disco exp: 11.04.17 - atty Celestine had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 39 ) 17A63915	KELECHI EMEAGI --- VERSUS --- TOBIAS LOGISTICS, LLC	Harrison W Spires  James T Budd; James T Budd; James T Budd
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: 12.05.17



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( 40 ) 17A63921	Leslie Cofield	Sutton T Slover
	--- VERSUS ---	
	Beverly Smith	Sarah E Akinosho; Nadia Nickerson
	Georgia Farm Bureau; Georgia Farm Bureau; Georgia Farm Bureau	
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.12.17 - atty Nickerson had leave for 1/02 PTC
( 41 ) 17A63934	Willecia Crawford	R Gary Spencer
	--- VERSUS ---	
	William Kee	Nikolai Makarenko, Jr.
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 12.13.17
( 42 ) 17A63970	Megan Ferrie	Richard B Crohan
	--- VERSUS ---	
	R. Henry Incorporated a/k/a Henry Incorporated	William D Strickland; William D Strickland
	Tort - Auto Accident	Disco exp: 11.18.17 - atty Strickland had leave for 1/02 PTC



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( 43 ) 17A63973	Rose Amadu --- VERSUS --- Reynaldo Echeverria Bailon	MARINA MELMAN  Timothy J Gardner
	Appeal from a Lower Court	Appealed from Mag Court in April - Atty for P is deceased - new counsel has been assigned - parties requested 2018 date - removed from the Dec PTC - attys had leave filed for 1/02 PTC
( 44 ) 17A64252	Robert Patterson --- VERSUS --- Andre Scott	Matthew S Harman  James Gabriel Banks; Timothy H Bendin; James Gabriel Banks
	Tort -Medical Malpractice	Disco exp: 12.05.17
( 45 ) 17A64440	Janae Anderson --- VERSUS --- Abdirahman Abdulle	Evon B Williams; Evon B Williams  David B Groff; David B Groff
	Personal Injury	Disco exp: 12.15.17
( 46 ) 17A65798	Frankie Benton --- VERSUS --- Mildred Ruffin	William G Hammill  Kenneth C Wilson
	State General Civil	Appealed to State Court - disco exp: 11.26.17 - atty Wilson had leave filed for 1/02 PTC