

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

JUDGE ANA MARIA MARTINEZ

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

August 25, 2025

1:00PM

Division 6
Judicial Tower
3rd floor, Courtroom D

Nakeya Burton
Civil Case Manager
404.687.7135

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State Court Civil Calendar

Judge Ana Maria Martinez

Pre-Trials Calendar

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Case

Parties

Attorneys

IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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

Consolidated Pretrial Order and Motions in Limine must be filed by: August 15, 2025

Mandatory Pretrial Conference to be held via Zoom: August 25, 2025, at 1:00p.m.

Civil Trial Dates: September 23rd through September 26th and September 30th through October 3rd

DeKalb County continues to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and has the technology to conduct the calendar virtually. **Lead counsel must appear virtually for the pretrial conference. All parties shall contact the Court via email to the Civil Case Manager, Nakeya Burton (nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov), by August 15, 2025, for further instructions regarding proceeding with the Hearing using the Zoom application. Counsel must include ALL parties on any email correspondence with the Court.**

All cases should expect to be reached during the week of trial. Cases may be called out of order as scheduling demands. **Parties will be specially set for trial during the pretrial conference.** 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.

Parties must submit a **CONSOLIDATED** Pretrial Order in conformity with Uniform State Court Rule 7.2 by **August 15, 2025**, via email to Ms. Burton **in Word format**. Failure to respond to this calendar by the deadline, or to submit the proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order to Ms. Burton, 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 claim, as appropriate.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before **August 15, 2025**.

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 August 15, 2025**. A Motion for Continuance and/or Extension of Discovery must be by consent of all parties and a **Consent Order submitted in Word format to Ms. Burton**, at the same time as the Motion is filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Lead Counsel is required to be (virtually) present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on August 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. In preparation for the pretrial conference, parties are directed to:

- Email Ms. Burton a copy of the Consolidated Pretrial Order **in Word format**;
- Discuss settlement options **prior** to the Pretrial Conference and be ready to discuss settlement history with the Court;
- Discuss any motions *in limine* that have been filed and make a good faith effort to resolve them; and
- Discuss any objections in depositions to be presented at trial and make a good faith effort to resolve them. **All unresolved objections, together with argument and citations, shall be brought to the pre-trial conference, with a copy to the Court.** Any objections not brought before the Court prior to trial shall be deemed waived.

Parties are directed to contact via Ms. Burton via email at: nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions by the deadline indicated in this Order.

Standing Order and Calendar may be viewed at: www.dekalbstatecourt.net

SO ORDERED, this 27th day of June, 2025.

Judge Ana Maria Martinez
State Court of DeKalb County



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Case	Parties	Attorneys
1	20A82774 RENEE AND ZUKENN WALTERS ---- VERSUS ---- EMORY HEALTHCARE, INC. d/b/a EMORY DECATUR HOSPITAL	Robin N Loeb Alan J Payne; Robert Monyak; Douglas Ammerman
Tort -Medical Malpractice		
2	21A01036 HELEN D. PROTHO ---- VERSUS ---- LASHONDA D. RUSSELL	C Benjamin Avery Pro Se
Tort - Auto Accident		
3	21A02238 Kimberly Steele ---- VERSUS ---- AGA, LLC d/b/a Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates	Thomas D Trask Michael G Frankson
Tort -Medical Malpractice		
4	22A03895 Susan Vierck ---- VERSUS ---- Nakari Stefan Johnson The Standard Fire Insurance Company	Austin M Hiffa Dallas S F Oliver Larry G Cobb
Tort - Auto Accident		



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5	22A04287 PUI-TAK WONG a/k/a MARTIN WONG ---- VERSUS ---- HSIAO CHEN a/k/a IRENE CHIEN	Mary Trachian-Bradley James B McClung; Benjamin P Ost
State General Civil		
6	23A00179 Hillary B. Cranford ---- VERSUS ---- Young Mindz Preschool Academy, Inc.	Michael L Neff Rebecca E Strickland; Kimberly E Coleman
Personal Injury		
7	23A02200 Nakia Lowe ---- VERSUS ---- Lovely Nails and Tan of Georgia, LLC	J Curt Law Scott D Huray
Tort-Professional Negligence		
8	23A04371 Firmus Financial, et al. ---- VERSUS ---- America's Best Group, et al.	William R. Joiner Leonard R. Medley, III
Contract / Account		



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9	23A04589 Richard Berkowitz ---- VERSUS ---- Northside Hospital, Inc.	Lamarr A. Martin; Jane M Lamberti Matthew P Lazarus
Tort -Medical Malpractice		
10	23A04780 Ricky Nolden ---- VERSUS ---- Shaneka Robinson State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company	Alphonso Craig Eric Jorgensen
Tort - Auto Accident		
11	23A04814 GutterGard South LLC ---- VERSUS ---- U.S. Window Factory (GA), Inc.	Erik Olson Roberto Bazzani
Contract / Account		
12	23A04971 RICARDO XIC CHANAX, as natural parent and best next friend of JUANA XIC UTUC, a minor ---- VERSUS ---- MTI BUS COMPANY, INC.	R Michael Coker Tujuana S McGee; Steven G Janik; Elizabeth L Bentley
Personal Injury		



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	---- VERSUS ----	
	UHS of Peachford, L.P.	Daniel J Huff
Personal Injury		
14	23A05125 Shonaya Murray	Susan M Witt
	---- VERSUS ----	
	Arno Rene Schleich, M.D.	Kenneth Newby; Nichole L Hair
Tort -Medical Malpractice		
15	23A05134 Jesseka Morris	Susan M Witt
	---- VERSUS ----	
	Andrew Hsu, M.D.	Jamaal R Brown; Nichole L Hair
Tort -Medical Malpractice		
16	24A00184 Valentino O Hibbert	Henry De Give
	---- VERSUS ----	
	Kamryn Harvey	
	STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY	Nicholas J Roger
Tort - Auto Accident		

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24A01589 Darius Clarke

Toni Grier

---- VERSUS ----

Eddie Morales

Claire A Sumner

Tort - Auto Accident

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24A05234 Quinton Strickland

Matthew L Jones

---- VERSUS ----

Clarence Buchanan

Alexis Guidry

USAA Insurance Agency, Inc.

Vangelis Zafiroulis

Tort - Auto Accident
