

IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**Scheduling Order Setting Pre-trial Conferences for September 24, 2025 at 2:00 pm  
and Jury Trials for the Week of Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

For the cases pending trial listed on Exhibit A, the following shall apply:

**Discovery**

Unless noted otherwise, this Order contemplates that all discovery has been completed, any expert witnesses have been properly disclosed during discovery, and the discovery period is closed.

**September 3, 2025**

**Extension of discovery** – If either party is seeking additional time for discovery, an appropriate motion should be filed by this date.

**Dispositive motions** shall be filed by this date.

**Motions to challenge to an expert's qualification under O.C.G.A. § 24-7-702** shall be filed by this date.

**September 8, 2025**

**Defendant's portion of pre-trial order** shall be submitted by Defendant to Plaintiff by this date.

**Any uninsured or underinsured motorist carrier** shall file by this date a notice of whether the UMC elects to proceed at trial in its own name or in the name of Defendant as allowed under O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11. The UMC shall include the election in §1 of the pre-trial order. If no election is filed, the UMC will waive the ability to proceed in its own name, and the Court will find the UMC has elected to proceed in the name of Defendant.

**Compliance with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-26 (e)** – Parties shall comply with O.C.G.A. § 9-11-26 (e) and supplement all discovery responses by this date.

**September 15, 2025**

**Consolidated Pre-trial Order** shall be submitted to the State Court Staff Attorney by email this date to [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@accgov.com). Plaintiff shall be responsible for consolidating the pre-trial order. (*See further instructions below.*)

**Motions in limine** shall be filed by this date. The Court requests that the attorneys refrain from filing boilerplate

\*If either party files motions in limine, the parties shall confer by September 22 to determine which motions need a hearing. The parties shall notify Staff Attorney Lesley Weise by email, or by filing with the Clerk which ones need to be heard by September 22.

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motions and motions seeking the Court to enter rulings on general topics of well-established law, evidence, or procedure that are not tailored to the particular legal or evidentiary issues in the case.\*

**Notices of intent to introduce records pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12)** shall be filed by this date or may be included in §14 of the pre-trial order if the notice complies with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12).

**Trial depositions** - For any depositions to be used at trial, the parties shall file any deposition designations or requests for rulings on deposition objections by this date. **For any trial depositions taken after this date, any designations or requests for rulings on objections shall be filed within 48 hours of a party's receipt of the transcript.**

**Pre-trial Conference** shall be held at **2:00 p.m.** in State Court Hearing Room 415, Fourth Floor of the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse, 325 E. Washington Street, Athens, Georgia 30601. **(See further instructions below.)**

**Mediation** shall be completed by this date. If counsel has not received an order scheduling mediation, please contact the Tenth District ADR Program at (706) 613-3210 to be scheduled for mediation. All cases must attend mediation prior to the pre-trial conference.

**All motions in limine and deposition designations** shall be heard by the Court on this date. *-See above \**

**The Pre-trial Conference will have a WebEx remote attendance option.** Please notify the Staff Attorney at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@accgov.com) at least two days in advance if you wish to appear remotely.

**Attorneys who have a previously scheduled leave of absence for this date** shall contact the State Court Staff Attorney no later than August 18, 2025 to request an alternative date for a pre-trial conference.

October 6, 2025

Please Note →

**Proposed jury charges and a proposed verdict form** shall be submitted to the Staff Attorney at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@accgov.com) by this date.

**Depositions** of any witnesses who will testify at trial shall be filed with the Clerk of State Court by this date.

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025** **Jury Trials** shall begin at 8:30 a.m. in the State Court Courtroom. If a case is not reached, it will be placed on the next jury trial calendar.

**Instructions for Pre-trial Order:**

§1 Name, Address, and Phone Number of Attorneys: If the uninsured or underinsured motorist carrier is a party, the pre-trial order shall include whether the UMC will elect to proceed at trial in its own name or in the name of Defendant as allowed under O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11.

§14 Notices of intent to introduce records: Each party may include notices of intent to introduce pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-9-902 (11) or (12) if made in compliance with the statute.

§17 Proposed Jury Charges: the parties should word §17 as: "Pursuant to Uniform State Court Rule 10.3, all requests to charge, other than additional requests to cover unanticipated points which arise at trial, shall be filed with the Clerk of State Court and a copy submitted to the Court by email to [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@accgov.com) in Word document form by **October 6, 2025.**"

§19 List of Witnesses: Party shall identify all potential witnesses by first and last name and list the witness's position and / or employer (if applicable). Parties shall not list witnesses by generic description. At trial, the Court will exclude any witness who has not been sufficiently identified except for the limited purpose of authenticating documents, records, or other exhibits.

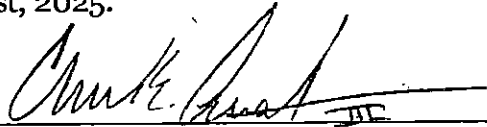
Amendments: The Court will not enter pre-trial orders that contain provisions attempting to reserve the right to amend the pre-trial order or to conduct discovery. Amendments will be allowed only upon order of the Court and upon good cause shown.

**Attendance at Pre-trial Conference / Requests to be Excused:** Unless a pre-trial order has already been entered by the Court, an attorney of record must appear for each party to make an announcement in the case. If you are unable to appear, please contact **Lesley Weise, Staff Attorney**, at [lesley.weise@accgov.com](mailto:lesley.weise@accgov.com) at least 48 hours in advance to request excusal by the Court.

**Failure to Appear at Pre-trial Conference / Failure to Present Proposed Pre-trial Order:** Failure of counsel to appear at the pre-trial conference without legal excuse or failure to present a proposed pre-trial order shall authorize the Court to remove the action from the trial calendar, enter such pre-trial order as the Court deems appropriate, or impose any other appropriate sanction.

This Order and the attached Calendar shall be entered on the Minutes of the Court and a copy served on the Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program office.

SO ORDERED, this 12 day of August, 2025.

  
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**Charles E. Auslander, III**  
**Judge, State Court of Athens-Clarke County**

**Exhibit A**

**IN THE STATE COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**Pre-trial conference on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.  
Jury trial week beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.**

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Case Style</b>	<b>Counsel for Plaintiff</b>	<b>Counsel for Def./*UMC</b>
ST21CV0893  <i>CPTO entered 7/31/24  8/12/25 Scheduling Order and associated deadlines do not apply to this case</i>	Alize Woodall, by and through Hillary B. Cranford, Conservator versus BOS Security, Inc.	Michael Rafi Christopher Stokes Rafi Law Firm	William Cowsert Joseph Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST20CV0774  <i>8/12/25 Scheduling Order and associated deadlines do not apply to this case  Pre-trial conference and motions hearings TBD</i>	Caroline Bradley versus Golden Pantry Food Stores, Inc, Eric Mitchell, and John Does 1 and 2	Keenan Nix Christopher Graddock ShaMiracle Rankin Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC  Darren Summerville The Summerville Firm, LLC	Jackson Dial Brannon Arnold Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC  Austin Atkinson Hall Booth Smith, P.C.  Eric K. Mitchell (pro se) GDC ID No. 1003181821 Johnson State Prison 290 Donovan- Harrison Rd. Wrightsville, GA 31096
ST23CV0048	Amanda French versus Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia	Austin Hiffa Morgan & Morgan	Casey Crumbley Gregory Sowell James Bates Brannan Groover, LLP

ST23CV0391	Willie Ceaser versus Lakendra Shields	Matthew McKagen Steven L. Jones Taylor English Duma, LLP	Jeffrey N. Schwartz Gower Wooten Darneille, LLC  *Andrew Feske Scott McMickle McMickle, Kurey & Branch, LLP
ST23CV0708	Jose Rojas versus Emily Hollins, Laura Hollins, and John J. Hollins, Jr.	Kenneth Brosnahan Linda Carpenter The Brosnahan Law Firm	William Cowsert Joseph D. Stephens Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0056	Frankie Jordan and Janet Jordan versus Amanda Cantey and John Doe	Ryan Brock Monge & Associates	William Cowsert Michael S. Broun Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0186	Jessica Mourani versus Christian A. Milner, Roll-Off Systems, Inc., National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A., and ABC Corp.	Peter Jaraysi Andrew Cobb Brian D. Wright Jaraysi Law, LLC	M. Steven Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0436	Jose M. Gillen Duenas versus Makayla R. Mackey	Kevin Burkhart Sutton Slover Law Office of Sutton T. Slover	M. Steven Heath Matthew Moseley Cowsert Heath, LLP
ST24CV0522	Jillian Baylor versus Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	Michael Ruppensburg Tyler Mathis Michael Ruppensburg Attorney at Law, LLC	Zachary Procter Georgia Department of Law Office of the Attorney General

ST24CV0636	Angela Denise Wingfield versus Bruce Allen Mickens	Joseph Roesch Keller Swan, PLLC	Amanda Newquist Corsi, Dobur & Berss
ST24CV0673	Deshawn Allison-McGee versus Clear Blue Insurance Company, Perez Trucking, LLC, and Markel Thompson	William B. Pate Adewale Odetunde WLG Atlanta, LLC	Jonathan Silverman Wicker Smith O'Hara McCoy & Ford, PA
ST24CV0765	Ding Zhang versus Rafael Eduardo Ospina	Robert P. Varner Morgan & Morgan Atlanta, PLLC	Scott Gershkow Michael J. Rust Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, L.L.P.
ST24CV0771	Bethzaida D. Moreno Vallenilla versus John Doe	Saif Ahmed J. Ross Massey Massey Law Group	Amanda Newquist Corsi, Dobur & Berss

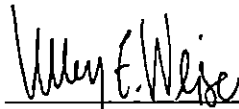
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have served the foregoing Scheduling Order Setting Pre-Trial Conference on September 24, 2025 and for a Jury Trial the week of Tuesday, October, 2025 and Exhibit A on all counsel as listed on said calendar electronically through PeachCourt, as well as the following by hand delivery:

Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court

Tenth District Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Office

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.



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Lesley E. Weise, Staff Attorney  
State Court of Athens-Clarke County