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STATE COURT OF DEKALB
COUNTY

JUDGE DAX E. LOPEZ

++PRE-TRIAL

CONFERENCE++

February 3, 2020

2:30 pm

DIVISION 6

JUDICIAL TOWER

3RD 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

ORDER OF INSTRUCTIONS

FOR DIVISION VI

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

AND CIVIL JURY CALENDAR

Consolidated Pretrial Order and

Motions in Limine filed by:

January 24, 2020

Mandatory Pretrial Conference:

February 3, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Available Trial Dates: February

18th through February 21st and

February 24th

through February 28th

Parties are hereby notified to set all other business aside and to appear in the courtroom of Judge Dax E. López, located in Courtroom 3D at the DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

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 will be specially set for trial during the pre-trial 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 by January 24, 2020, 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.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before January 24, 2020.

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 24, 2020. 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.

Lead Counsel is required to be present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on February 3, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. In preparation for the Pretrial conference Parties are directed to:

- Bring a printed copy of the Consolidated Pretrial Order for the Court;
- 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 the Civil Case Manager, Summer Schmidt, at 404-687-7135 (skschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions. Standing Order and Calendar may be viewed at: www.dekalb-statecourt.net.

SO ORDERED, this 6th day of December, 2019.

Dax E. López
Judge, State Court of DeKalb
County