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STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

**JUDGE DAX E. LÓPEZ**

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

**MAY 3, 2021**

**2:30PM**

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

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

**Consolidated Pretrial Order and Motions in Limine filed by: April 23, 2021.**  
**Mandatory Pretrial Conference to be held via Zoom: May 3, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**  
**Trial Dates: Available dates will be discussed at the conference.**

DeKalb County continues to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and has the technology to conduct the calendar virtually. **In lieu of an appearance, all parties shall contact the Court by April 19, 2021, regarding proceeding with the Hearing using the Zoom application.**

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 by April 23, 2021,** 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 claim, as appropriate.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before **April 23, 2021.**

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 APRIL 23, 2021.** 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.

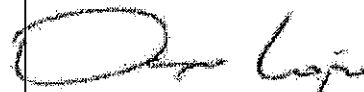
**Lead Counsel is required to be virtually present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on May 3, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. In preparation for the pretrial conference, parties are directed to:**

- Email Ms. Schmidt 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 the Civil Case Manager, Summer Schmidt, at 404-687-7135 (sschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions.**

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

SO ORDERED, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021



Dax E. López, Judge  
State Court of DeKalb County