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STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

JUDGE DAX E. LÓPEZ

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 2, 2021

2:30PM

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: July 19, 2021.
Mandatory Pretrial Conference: August 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.
Trial Dates: Available dates will be discussed at the conference.

Parties are hereby notified 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. **All parties shall contact the Court by July 23, 2021, regarding instructions for proceeding with the Hearing in-person.** DeKalb County continues to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and has the technology to conduct the calendar virtually, if necessary.

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 July 19, 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 **July 19, 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 JULY 19, 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.

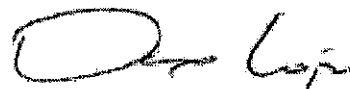
Lead Counsel is required to be present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on August 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. In preparation for the pretrial conference, parties are directed to:

- 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 (slschmidt@dekalbcountyga.gov) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions.

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

SO ORDERED, this 29th day of June, 2021



Dax E. López, Judge
State Court of DeKalb County