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**JUDGE  
EDLEIN  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CIVIL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE  
CALENDAR  
8/11/2021  
2:00 PM  
ZOOM**

The following civil cases have been set for Pre-Trial conferences on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. via Zoom videoconference. Attorneys and self-represented parties shall appear via Zoom videoconference.

On March 14, 2020, the Supreme Court of Georgia entered an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency.

1 Most recently, the Supreme Court of Georgia entered its Fifteenth Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency<sup>2</sup> Fifteenth Order. According to the Fifteenth Order:

A Continued use of remote proceedings where legal, practicable, and safer. All courts should continue to use technology to conduct remote judicial

proceedings when doing so is a safer alternative to inperson proceedings, unless the proceeding is required by law to be inperson or it is not practicable for technical or other reasons for persons participating in the proceeding to participate remotely.

1 <https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CJ-Melton-amended-Statewide-Jud-Emergency-order.pdf>

2 [https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/15th-SJEO\\_as-issued.pdf](https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/15th-SJEO_as-issued.pdf)  
B Emergency rule amendments. Courts should understand and utilize the authority provided and clarified by the emergency amendments made to court rules on video conferences and teleconferences.

C Compelled participation. Courts may compel the participation of litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other essential personnel in remote judicial proceedings, where allowed by court rules including emergency amendments

thereto. Such proceedings, however, must be consistent with public health guidance, must not impose undue burdens on participants, and must not be prohibited by the requirements of the United States or Georgia Constitutions or applicable statutes or court rules.

**Id. IIA-C.**

Due to the current public health crisis and to reduce the Court's number of pending trials, the Court will conduct its Civil Pre-Trial Conference calendar via Zoom videoconference. The parties must appear in such a way to be seen and heard by the Court and all parties. The Court will use Zoom <https://zoom.us/> which is available for free. The Zoom hearing information is at the end of this Notice. Parties may also request an electronic videoconference notice by emailing the Court's Judicial Assistant, Kimberley Davis, at [Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov). If any party does not have access to the internet or Zoom, contact Ms. Davis via email or at 404-613-0490 immediately.

Failure to appear at the Pre-Trial Conference may result in dismissal of the Complaint with prejudice or striking of the Answer.

**THERE WILL BE NO CONTINUANCES FROM THIS CALENDAR, EXCEPT FOR LEGAL CAUSE. ONLY JUDGE EDLEIN CAN CONTINUE A CASE FROM THIS CALENDAR.** All requests for continuances must be in writing. Court Reporter: Parties must request a court reporter no later than Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. by emailing Ms. Davis and providing the contact information for those responsible for take-down. Proceedings will not be tran-

scribed absent timely notification.

**Settlement/Dismissal.** If the case has been settled, dismissed, or otherwise completed, upon providing notice to the Court's Staff Attorney, Lisa Liang, at [lisa.liang@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:lisa.liang@fultoncountyga.gov),

the parties may be excused from appearing. All parties must appear unless they have received

written notice that they are excused. If the plaintiff intends to dismiss an action in lieu of appearing, the dismissal and final disposition form must be filed no later than five (5) business

days before the hearing, with a copy emailed to Ms. Liang.

**Consolidated Pre-Trial Orders:** A consolidated pre-trial order CPTO and any motions in limine should be eFiled and a copy in Word version emailed to Ms. Liang no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, August 6, 2021, unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

The following procedures are to be followed in the preparation and filing of CPTOs and supersede any provisions to the contrary provided by the parties:

1. The parties shall use the Court's Consolidated Pre-Trial Order without alterations to the Order. The CPTO is available in Word version by emailing Ms. Davis at [Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov) and attached as Ex. A. The Court's CPTO contains significant additions and modifications to Paragraphs 4, 6, 12, 15, 19, and 20.

2. Counsel shall consolidate the proposed CPTO. Failure of a party to submit its portion of the proposed pre-trial order may result in sanctions. Uniform Superior Court Rule 7.1.

**Motions in Limine:** Except for unforeseen evidentiary issues, all motions in limine and responses thereto are to be filed contemporaneously with, or as a part of, the proposed CPTO. The Court will hear oral argument, if necessary, during the Pre-Trial Conference. Parties must confer before the Pre-Trial Conference to narrow the motions in limine for argument and must advise Ms. Liang by email no later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 which motions are withdrawn or stipulated. Parties acknowledge that counsel are

Public Access: In accordance with the Order in Re: Superior Court Rules,

3 the public is given an opportunity to view the remote video conference through a livestream; the link is available at <http://fultonstate.org/state-court-judges-livestream/>.

**TECHNOLOGY:** The parties SHALL ensure they can use Zoom no later than Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Parties should do a Zoom Meeting TEST by going to <https://zoom.us/test>. If the parties are unable to access Zoom or technology issues arise, parties SHALL IMMEDIATELY contact Ms. Davis at [Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Kimberley.davis@fultoncountyga.gov) or by calling 404.613-0490.

All inquiries regarding this calendar should be directed to Lisa K. Liang, Staff Attorney, [Lisa.Liang@FultonCountyGA.gov](mailto:Lisa.Liang@FultonCountyGA.gov).

3 [https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Superior\\_Court\\_COVID19\\_Order.pdf](https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Superior_Court_COVID19_Order.pdf)

**ZOOM INFORMATION**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91376446669>  
Meeting ID: 913 7644 6669  
Dial by your location  
1 301 715 9592 US Washington DC  
1 312 626 6799 US Chicago  
1 646 658 8656 US New York  
1 253 215 8782 US Tacoma  
1 346 248 7799 US Houston  
1 669 900 9128 US San Jose  
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/91376446669>  
Join by SIP: 91376446669@zoom-cre.com

directed to notify the Court on the record at the time of any alleged violation, of the contention that the Court's ruling on a motion in limine has been violated during trial. Deposition Objections: Prior to trial, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve any objections in depositions to be presented at trial. All unresolved objections, together with the deposition transcript, argument, and citations, shall be eFiled contemporaneously but separately from the CPTD, with a copy to the Court's Staff Attorney, Lisa Liang, [lisa.liang@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:lisa.liang@fultoncountyga.gov), no later than 12:00 P.M. on Friday, August 13, 2021.