

**JUDGE
EDLEIN
CIVIL DIVISION
CIVIL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE
CALENDAR
8/12/2021
2:00 PM
ZOOM**

The following civil cases have been set for Pre-Trial conferences on Thursday, August 12, 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 Emergency² 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 pro-

ceeding 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

B Emergency rule amendment Courts should understand and utilize the authority provided and clarified by the emergency amendment 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 requirement 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@fultoncountygga.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. 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@fultoncountygga.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 Monday, August 9, 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, available in Word version by emailing Ms. Davis at Kimberley.davis@fultoncounty-ga.gov and attached as Ex. A. The Court's CPTO contains significant additions and modifications to Paragraphs 3, 5, 11, 14, 18, and 19.

2. Counsel shall consolidate the proposed pre-trial order. 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 in writing no later than 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 which motions are

withdrawn or stipulated. Parties acknowledge that counsel are 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 CPTO, with a copy to the Court's Staff Attorney, Lisa Liang,

lisa.liang@fultoncountyga.gov, no later than 12:00 P.M. on Monday, August 9, 2021.

All inquiries regarding this calendar should be directed to Lisa K. Liang, Staff Attorney, Lisa.Liang@FultonCountyGA.gov

ZOOM INFORMATION

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