

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF PEREMPTORY/STATUS CALENDAR

Pursuant to Uniform State Court Rule 20, the Clerk is instructed to place all “open” cases filed through 2023 on the Court’s specially set **Peremptory/Status Calendar** on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., VIA ZOOM ONLY – FOR ALL CASES FILED THROUGH 2022; and

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., VIA ZOOM ONLY – FOR ALL CASES FILED IN 2023.

The entire calendar is available for viewing on the Carroll County Clerk’s website under “Current Calendars”

<https://www.carrollcountyclerk.com/calendars.html>

Attorneys (or the parties themselves, if they are not represented by an attorney) are required to appear at such date and time to announce the status of your case(s). All parties should read this Order carefully and comply with its provisions.

ZOOM: All parties are instructed to appear via Zoom. Zoom information is available online at the Carroll County Clerk’s website (under “Public Notices”) and on the last page of this Order. Please do not email the Court or contact the Clerk’s office for Zoom instructions.

COMMUNICATION WITH COURT: For all purposes stated in this Order, communication with (or notices to) the Court shall be made via email **only** to Kay Mecklin (kmecklin@carrollcountyga.com).

NO PHONE CALLS OR VOICEMAIL will be returned on any case placed on this calendar. All communications with the Court shall be via email only, as instructed herein.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: Failure of Plaintiff to appear at the calendar shall result in the dismissal without prejudice of Plaintiff’s action. Failure of Defendant to appear at the calendar shall result in the striking of Defendant’s answer, counterclaim, or crossclaim, along with the entry of a default judgment against Defendant. In cases where a post-judgment action has been filed, failure of the movant to appear shall result in the striking of the motion for failure to prosecute.

CORPORATIONS: Pursuant to *Eckles v. Atlanta Technology Group, Inc.*, 267 Ga. 801 (1997), corporations must be represented in court by an attorney.

SETTLEMENTS/DISMISSALS: If the case has been settled, dismissed, or otherwise completed, the parties may be excused from appearing *if and only if* an appropriate **written dismissal** or **Final Order** and **final disposition form** is/are filed with the Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2024, and notify(ies) this Court (by email).

DOMESTIC CASES (PRO SE): If service has not been made, or if all documents required by Georgia law have not been filed, or if the parties have not attended mediation or a Children of Divorce program (if issues of child custody and child support exist) by the day of this **peremptory/status calendar**, the case between the parties shall be dismissed without prejudice. If an agreement has been reached and assistance is needed with preparing the necessary documents, after the parties have attended a Children of Divorce program, the Court recommends seeking the assistance of an attorney or contacting the Carroll County Mediation Center (Rita Carroll) at (770) 830-5993.

NO SERVICE CASES: If service of process has not been made on Defendant prior to the call of the calendar, Plaintiff must be prepared to factually demonstrate due diligence in attempting service on Defendant **at the peremptory/status hearing**. Should the Court find that Plaintiff has not adequately demonstrated due diligence in attempting to serve Defendant, the case shall be dismissed for want of prosecution. Requests for additional time to perfect service will not be considered in advance.

BANKRUPTCY: We do not receive updates from the Bankruptcy Court, so the parties must keep the Court apprised of the status of bankruptcy cases. If the case is currently in bankruptcy, Plaintiff shall notify the Court. If Defendant has been discharged in bankruptcy, Plaintiff must file a dismissal to close out the case. If no notice is given to the Court regarding the bankruptcy prior to the Peremptory/Status calendar, the case will be dismissed.

REMOVAL FROM CALENDAR: Removal from the calendar for reasons other than the following will be by permission of the Judge's office and only for legal cause shown:

1. The case has been dismissed;
2. The case has been set for a trial; or
3. A Consent Scheduling Order is presented to and approved by the Court.

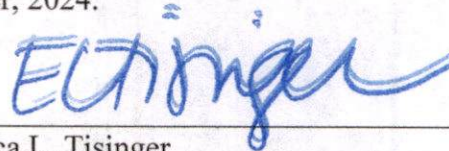
Attorneys and *pro se* parties are required to appear at the calendar call **UNLESS** excused in writing by the Court. Any request must be made by Friday, December 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (by email). No request will be answered after the deadline. If the case has been reset to this calendar from a previous peremptory calendar, no further reset from this calendar will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. Please do not contact the Clerk's office requesting removal from the calendar.

If a motion is filed in any case after the filing of this Order for Peremptory/Status Calendar, a copy of said motion should be emailed directly to the Judge's office, to the attention of Kay Mecklin (kmecklin@carrollcountyga.com). Unless otherwise directed by the Court, the filing of the motion will not excuse the attorneys in any such case from appearing at the calendar call.

CONFLICTS AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE: All attorney conflicts will be resolved as provided in Uniform Superior Court Rule 17.1. All attorney leaves of absence affecting the calendar and filed *after* the calendar is published will require an application and Court approval pursuant to Uniform Superior Court Rule 16.2.

TIMELINE TO FILE DOCUMENTS AFTER CALENDAR: Any party who announces a dismissal, settlement, status, or scheduling order, or any other order to be provided to the Court, shall have until January 15, 2025, to file such with the Court. Failure to file any such document (without other written consent by this Court) shall result in a global order dismissing all cases listed therein for want of prosecution.

SO ORDERED, this 14th day of October, 2024.



Erica L. Tisinger
Judge, Superior Court of Carroll County, Georgia

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