

IN THE _____ COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____,

Plaintiffs,

v.

_____.

Defendants.

Case No. _____

SCHEDULING ORDER (CIVIL JURY TRIAL)

This Scheduling Order is issued pursuant to Rule 16 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. It is ORDERED that all counsel and parties to this cause of action shall comply with the following¹:

1. Amendments to pleadings: All motions to amend pleadings shall be filed on or before _____, 202__. To the extent a defendant files an amended answer asserting the fault of a non-party, plaintiffs may file an amended complaint to name the non-party as an additional defendant as permitted by Tennessee Code Annotated § 20-1-119 and Tenn. R. Civ. P. 15.01.

2. Fact Discovery: Fact discovery shall be completed by _____, 202__.

3. Expert Discovery: Expert discovery shall be completed by _____, 202__. Both parties shall disclose the name and contact information for all expert witnesses to the other party no later than ninety (90) days before trial.

¹ Counsel should refer to Chapter 15 of the Tennessee Judicial Bench Book if the case involves a self-represented litigant.

4. Discovery Motions: Any motions related to discovery shall be served, argued, and ruled upon by _____, 202__.

5. Dispositive Motions: Dispositive motions shall be filed by _____, 202__. Opposition to dispositive motions shall be filed by _____, 202__, or thirty (30) days after the motion is filed, whichever is earlier. Replies, if any, shall be filed by _____, 202__ or seven (7) days after the response is filed, whichever is earlier.

Dispositive motions are set to be heard on _____, 202__, at 9:00 a.m. in a manner to be later determined. All parties will receive notice in advance of the hearing if it will be held in-person, and if so where, or if it will be held via Zoom videoconference.

6. Mediation: All parties shall attempt mediation before the trial date unless a waiver of mediation is requested by motion.

7. Pretrial Briefs: Plaintiffs shall file a pre-trial brief no later than _____, 202__. Defendants shall file a pre-trial brief no later than _____, 202__.

8. Jury instructions: Both parties are to submit to the Court their proposed jury instructions, including any special instructions, no later than two (2) weeks before the pretrial conference.

9. Pretrial Conference: A pretrial conference is set for _____, 202__, at 9:00 am CST to be conducted via Zoom videoconference.

10. Witness Lists: The names, addresses and/or telephone numbers for all potential witnesses (other than impeachment and rebuttal witnesses) shall be filed and exchanged with all counsel on or before _____, 202__.

11. Trial Exhibits: Copies of all trial exhibits which are proposed to be offered shall be made available to all other counsel on or before _____, 202__. These items shall be made for inspection at reasonable times.

12. Stipulations: Any stipulation of the parties shall be reduced in writing and signed by the counsel for each party and filed with the Clerk of the Court at least one (1) business day prior to trial. This provision does not preclude the parties from offering additional stipulations as necessary or appropriate at any other time.

13. Trial Setting: A jury trial is set to begin on _____ at 9:00 a.m. CST and will continue through _____, to the extent necessary. The trial will be held at _____.

It is **SO ORDERED**, entered and effective this the ____ day of _____, 202__.

Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent to the following:

Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Defendant

Deputy Clerk

