

IN THE _____ COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____,

Plaintiffs,

v.

_____.

Defendants.

Case No. _____

SCHEDULING ORDER (CIVIL NON-JURY)

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__.

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

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

5. Dispositive Motions: Dispositive motions shall be filed by _____, 2023. 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. If this is a divorce case, both parties shall comply with the Local Rules for the Judicial District concerning the filing of 12.01 and 12.02 Statements, income and expense statements, proposed division of marital and separate property, proposed parenting plan, etc.

8. Pretrial Briefs: Plaintiffs shall file a pre-trial brief no later than _____, 2023. Defendants shall file a pre-trial brief no later than _____, 202__.

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

10. Trial Setting: A bench 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