

Uniform Scheduling Order Dates – 2027-2029

Chief Judge Emily Marks’ Upcoming Civil Terms

Dates are calculated as follows:

Trial Date	Set by Court Calendar
Pretrial Conference	Set by Court Calendar
Proposed Pretrial Order	1 week before Pretrial Conference
Dispositive Motions Deadline	120 days before Pretrial Conference
Discovery/Settlement Conference	30 days before Dispositive Motion Deadline
Expert Witness Plaintiff	90 days before Discovery Cutoff
Expert Witness Defendant	60 days before Discovery Cutoff
Amend Pleadings	77 days (generally) from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	1 week before Pretrial Conference
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	14 days after designations
Reply to Objections	7 days after objections
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	30 days before trial
Objections, Response	21 days before trial

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	01/04/2027
Pretrial Conference	11/12/2026
Proposed Pretrial Order	11/05/2026
Dispositive Motions Deadline	07/15/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	06/15/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	03/17/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	04/16/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	11/05/2026
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	11/19/2026
Reply to Objections	11/27/2026
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	12/04/2026
Objections, Response	12/14/2026

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	06/28/2027
Pretrial Conference	05/13/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	05/06/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	01/13/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	12/14/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	09/15/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	10/15/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	05/06/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	05/20/2027
Reply to Objections	05/27/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	05/28/2027
Objections, Response	06/07/2027

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	09/20/2027
Pretrial Conference	08/05/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	07/29/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	04/07/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	03/08/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	12/08/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	01/07/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	07/29/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	08/12/2027
Reply to Objections	08/19/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	08/20/2027
Objections, Response	08/30/2027

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	02/07/2028
Pretrial Conference	12/16/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	12/09/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	08/18/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	07/19/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	04/20/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	05/20/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	12/09/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	12/23/2027
Reply to Objections	12/30/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	01/07/2028
Objections, Response	01/18/2028

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	06/26/2028
Pretrial Conference	05/11/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	05/04/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	01/12/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	12/13/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	09/14/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	10/14/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	05/04/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	05/18/2028
Reply to Objections	05/25/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	05/26/2028
Objections, Response	06/05/2028

NORTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Montgomery

Trial Date	09/18/2028
Pretrial Conference	08/03/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	07/27/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	04/05/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	03/06/2028
Expert Witness Plaintiff	12/07/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	01/06/2028
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	07/27/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	08/10/2028
Reply to Objections	08/17/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	08/09/2028
Objections, Response	08/18/2028

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	02/22/2027
Pretrial Conference	01/07/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	12/31/2026
Dispositive Motions Deadline	09/09/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	08/10/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	05/12/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	06/11/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	12/31/2026
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	01/14/2027
Reply to Objections	01/21/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	01/22/2027
Objections, Response	02/01/2027

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	05/03/2027
Pretrial Conference	03/18/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	03/11/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	11/18/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	10/19/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	07/21/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	08/20/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	03/11/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	03/25/2027
Reply to Objections	04/01/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	04/02/2027
Objections, Response	04/12/2027

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	08/16/2027
Pretrial Conference	07/01/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	06/24/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	03/03/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	02/01/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	11/03/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	12/03/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	06/24/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	07/08/2027
Reply to Objections	07/15/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	07/16/2027
Objections, Response	07/26/2027

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	11/08/2027
Pretrial Conference	09/23/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	09/16/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	05/26/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	04/26/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	01/26/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	02/25/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	09/16/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	09/30/2027
Reply to Objections	10/07/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	10/08/2027
Objections, Response	10/18/2027

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	02/22/2028
Pretrial Conference	01/06/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	12/30/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	09/08/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	08/09/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	05/11/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	06/10/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	12/30/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	01/13/2028
Reply to Objections	01/20/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	01/24/2028
Objections, Response	02/01/2028

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	05/22/2028
Pretrial Conference	04/06/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	03/30/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	12/08/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	11/08/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	08/10/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	09/09/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	03/30/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	04/13/2028
Reply to Objections	04/20/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	04/21/2028
Objections, Response	05/01/2028

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	08/28/2028
Pretrial Conference	07/13/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	07/06/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	03/15/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	02/14/2028
Expert Witness Plaintiff	11/16/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	12/16/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	07/06/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	07/20/2028
Reply to Objections	07/27/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	07/28/2028
Objections, Response	08/07/2028

EASTERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Opelika

Trial Date	11/06/2028
Pretrial Conference	09/21/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	09/14/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	05/24/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	04/24/2028
Expert Witness Plaintiff	01/25/2028
Expert Witness Defendant	02/24/2028
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	09/14/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	09/28/2028
Reply to Objections	10/05/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	10/06/2025
Objections, Response	10/16/2028

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	01/19/2027
Pretrial Conference	12/03/2026
Proposed Pretrial Order	11/25/2026
Dispositive Motions Deadline	08/05/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	07/06/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	04/07/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	05/07/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	11/25/2026
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	12/09/2026
Reply to Objections	12/16/2026
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	12/21/2026
Objections, Response	12/29/2026

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	04/05/2027
Pretrial Conference	02/18/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	02/11/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	10/21/2026
Discovery/Settlement Conference	09/21/2026
Expert Witness Plaintiff	06/23/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	07/23/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	02/11/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	02/25/2027
Reply to Objections	03/04/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	03/05/2027
Objections, Response	03/15/2027

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	07/19/2027
Pretrial Conference	06/03/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	05/27/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	02/03/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	01/04/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	10/06/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	11/05/2026
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	05/27/2027
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	06/10/2027
Reply to Objections	06/17/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	06/21/2027
Objections, Response	06/28/2027

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	10/04/2027
Pretrial Conference	08/19/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	08/12/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	04/21/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	03/22/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	12/22/2026
Expert Witness Defendant	01/21/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	08/12/2027
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Reply to Objections	09/02/2027
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	09/03/2027
Objections, Response	09/13/2027

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	01/24/2028
Pretrial Conference	12/09/2027
Proposed Pretrial Order	12/02/2027
Dispositive Motions Deadline	08/11/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	07/12/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	04/13/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	05/13/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
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Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	12/27/2027
Objections, Response	01/03/2028

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	04/03/2028
Pretrial Conference	02/17/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	02/10/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	10/20/2027
Discovery/Settlement Conference	09/20/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	06/22/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	07/22/2027
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
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Objections, Response	03/13/2028

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	07/10/2028
Pretrial Conference	05/25/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	05/18/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	01/26/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	12/27/2027
Expert Witness Plaintiff	09/28/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	10/28/2027
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Reply to Objections	06/08/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	06/09/2028
Objections, Response	06/19/2028

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	10/02/2028
Pretrial Conference	08/17/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	08/10/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	04/19/2028
Discovery/Settlement Conference	03/20/2028
Expert Witness Plaintiff	12/21/2027
Expert Witness Defendant	01/20/2028
Amend Pleadings	77 days from date of USO
Witness Lists/Depositions/Exhibits	08/10/2028
Objections to Trial Exhibits, etc.	08/24/2028
Reply to Objections	08/31/2028
Voir Dire, Motions in Limine	09/01/2028
Objections, Response	09/11/2028

SOUTHERN DIVISION TRIAL TERMS-Dothan

Trial Date	01/22/2029
Pretrial Conference	12/07/2028
Proposed Pretrial Order	11/30/2028
Dispositive Motions Deadline	08/09/2028
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