

## **ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS**

### **Pretrial Conferences**

Pretrial conferences<sup>1</sup> will be conducted on Judge Walker's Chapter 7/11 motion dockets or as the court may schedule.

The parties shall confer and file a Joint Pretrial Statement pursuant to the Preliminary Pretrial Order.

Absent a court approved continuance or entry of a Pretrial Order as referenced below, the parties must appear at the scheduled time of the pretrial conference.

If, after an Answer is filed and before the Pretrial Conference, the parties can agree on relevant Pretrial dates and deadlines, a Pretrial Worksheet shall be completed and attached to the Joint Pretrial Statement. The Pretrial Worksheet form is attached to the issued Summons.

If the Joint Pretrial Statement containing the Pretrial Worksheet is filed within 72 hours of the Pretrial Conference, the Court will issue a Pretrial Order that will include agreed upon deadlines and hearing/trial dates, and counsel need not appear until the next scheduled hearing.

### **Trials**

Parties, counsel, and witnesses are required to appear in person for all trials. Failure to abide by provisions of the Pretrial Order may result in sanctions, either monetary (i.e. attorney fee award) or litigatory (i.e. default or judgment).

Parties are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner respectful of the litigation process and this Court.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes all divisions: Nashville, Cookeville, and Columbia

NOTE: ANY FILINGS MADE WITHIN 72 HOURS OF A PRETRIAL  
CONFERENCE OR ANY HEARING MUST BE FILED WITH BLUE TAG  
DESIGNATION

**Failure to appear at a scheduled pretrial conference or trial may subject  
the parties to sanctions in the form of dismissal of the complaint  
for want of prosecution or any other action the court deems appropriate.**