# IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA Circuit Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties

# ORDER PUBLISHING COURT CALENDAR Civil and Criminal Divisions Calendar Year 2025



KIM McCARSON, CLERK

It is ORDERED that the attached shall constitute the Calendar for the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama for the calendar year 2025, exclusive of the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

This calendar may be amended from time to time as necessary. Any individual judge may, as deemed necessary to promote an efficient use of judicial time and resources, issue orders docketing cases in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this calendar. However, any such inconsistent settings shall be undertaken only after due consideration of any adverse impact that may thereby result. Conflicts that arise as a result of an individual judge setting cases inconsistently with the general provisions of this Calendar shall be resolved adversely to the "special" setting unless the adverse setting is to dispose of a capital case or a complex case involving special circumstances.

District Court for Calhoun and Cleburne County calendars shall be drawn in such a manner so as to minimize conflict with the Master Court Calendar. This requirement is in no way intended to establish any priority of cases between courts or to elevate the work or importance of one court over another. This Circuit has historically operated on a master rather than a unified calendar system. This "Master Calendar" is to be used as a key for the promulgation of the calendars for the above-named courts and, as such, should be used as a framework therefore. Conflicts, where they occur, will be resolved as set out below.

In the event of a case setting conflict, normally jury trials should prevail over non-jury settings and criminal cases should prevail over civil cases unless the law requires expedited disposition of or gives priority to an individual case. Individual conflicts should be resolved between judges. Attorneys are reminded of their responsibility to assist the Court in minimizing or resolving calendar conflicts (by the giving of prompt notice of an upcoming conflict) in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Alabama Supreme Court. Conflict resolution guidelines and procedures are published at length in the Alabama Rules of Court pamphlet published by West Publishing Company.

Such appropriate dockets as may be required by rule or law shall be prepared and published and notices given in a timely manner by the Clerks of Court.

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Every effort has been made to avoid calendar conflicts with scheduled holidays. Holiday

closings may be amended as required to facilitate court business or to conform to directives from the

Governor or the Chief Justice.

The Court has established a calendar that essentially avoids jury court during Spring and Fall

School Breaks, a substantial portion of the month of July and the Christmas - New Year holiday

season. To succeed and be able to repeat this "luxury" in succeeding years, best efforts will have to

be made to make the current year calendar productive.

This calendar may be amended or augmented as necessary in order to appropriately dispose

of any capital murder cases on the court docket. This will be done by separate order entered by

individual judges. Any corrections, additions or deletions to this Calendar will be posted on the public

bulletin boards maintained outside the Clerk's offices.

Judge Timothy Burgess shall have general and supervisory authority over the jury civil division

of the Circuit Court of Cleburne County (exclusive of the Family Court Division) and Judge Jennifer

Weems shall have similar authority over the jury criminal division. Judge Shannon Page shall have

general authority over all non-jury civil and non-jury criminal cases within said courts. Judges shall

have the authority to alter this Calendar where necessary to effectuate the orderly flow of cases

within that Court.

The calendar and this Order shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Court in each county

within this circuit and shall be forthwith published by the Clerks of Court. A copy of the same shall be

forwarded to the Administrative Office of Courts, and a copy shall also be prominently posted at each

office.

DATED: July 11, 2024.

/s/ SHANNON PAGE

SHANNON PAGE

Presiding Circuit Judge



## **Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama**

Calhoun and Cleburne Counties
Official Calendar – 2025

(Civil and Criminal Divisions)
(Exclusive of Family Court and District Court)



#### JANUARY

1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – NEW YEAR'S DAY	
8	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	JGW
13-17	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #1 – CALHOUN	JGW – CC LDM, TCB – CV
20	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – MARTIN L. KING, JR. / ROBERT E LEE'S BIRTHDAY	
21-24		DA'S WINTER CONFERNECE	
22-24		JUDGE'S MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	
24-25		COURT REPORTERS' CONFERENCE	
27	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 03-06-25)	JGW
28	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	TCB
29	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CLEBURNE (From GJ #4 – 2024)	TCB
30	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CALHOUN (From GJ #7 -2024)	JGW

FEBRUARY			
3	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 03-5-25)	JGW
10-14	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #2 – CALHOUN	LDM, TCB – CC JGW – CV
17	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS' DAY	
19-21		JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS' CONFERENCE	
24-28	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	JGW
MARCH	ı		
3	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 - CALHOUN (Arraignment 05-08-25)	LDM
5	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CLEBURNE (GJ #1: 02-03-25)	JGW
6	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CALHOUN (From GJ #1; 1-27-25)	JGW
10-14	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #3 - CALHOUN	LDM, JGW – CC TCB – CV
17-21		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Calhoun County)	
24-28		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Oxford, Jacksonville, Donoho)	
31-4		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Cleburne County)	
31-4	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #4 – CALHOUN	TCB -CC LDM, JGW - CV

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## APRIL

7-11	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #1 - CLEBURNE	TCB
14-18	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #5 – CALHOUN	LDM, JGW – CC TCB – CV
21-25	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 06-05-24)	JGW
28	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	
29	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	JGW
MAY			
5	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 06-26-25)	TCB
7	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	TCB
8	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2 - CALHOUN (From GJ #2: 03-03-25)	LDM
12-16		LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK	
19-23	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	JGW
26	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY	

JUNE			
2	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY	
5	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CLEBURNE (From GJ #2: 04-21-25)	JGW
9-13	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #6 – CALHOUN	LDM, JGW – CC TCB – CV
19	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – JUNETEENTH (COUNTY)	
23	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 08-21-25)	JGW
26	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3 - CALHOUN (From GJ #3: 05-05-25)	ТСВ
30-3		DA'S SUMMER CONFERENCE	
JULY			
4	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – INDEPENDENCE DAY	
7-11	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #7 – CALHOUN	TCB – CC LDM, JGW -CV
14-18	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	ТСВ
21	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 10-07-25)	JGW
28-30		JUDGE'S SUMMER CONFERENCE	

### AUGUST

11-15	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #8 - CALHOUN	TCB, JGW – CC LDM – CV
18	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #5 - CALHOUN (Arraignment 10-30-25)	LDM
20	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #3 – CLEBURNE	JGW
21	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #4 – CALHOUN (From GJ #4: 06-23-25)	JGW
25-29	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #9 – CALHOUN CC Municipal Appeals	LDM, TCB – CC JGW – CV
SEPTEMBER			
1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY	
3-5		JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS' CONFERENCE	
8-12	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #10 – CALHOUN CC Municipal Appeals	LDM, JGW – CC TCB – CV
15-19	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #3 - CLEBURNE	JGW
22-26	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #11 – CALHOUN	TCB, JGW – CC LDM – CV
29- 3	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE	ТСВ

## OCTOBER

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6	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #6 - CALHOUN (Arraignment 12-04-25)	ТСВ
7	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3 - CLEBURNE (From GJ #3: 07-21-25)	JGW
13	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – COLUMBUS DAY	
20-24	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #12 – CALHOUN	LDM, TCB – CC JGW – CV
27-31	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment to be set in 2026)	JGW
30	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #5 – CALHOUN (From GJ #3: 08-18-25)	LDM
NOVEMBER			
3-7	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #13 - CALHOUN	JGW – CC LDM, TCB – CV

9:00 AM JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #4 - CLEBURNE JGW

CLOSED HOLIDAY - VETERANS' DAY

CLOSED HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING

## DECEMBER

1	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #7 – CALHOUN (Arraignment to be set in 2026)	JGW
4	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #6 – CALHOUN (From GJ #6: 10-06-25)	ТСВ
8-12	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #14 – CALHOUN CC Municipal Appeals	LDM, TCB – CC JGW – CV
25	CLOSED	HOLIDAY - CHRISTMAS	

#### ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES AND NOTATIONS:

The Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne County will promulgate separate calendars and appropriate dockets.

Peremptory docket calls ("Horse Dockets") have been eliminated. Civil docket calls may be set by separate order by the assigned judge and held as needed to promote case flow and judicial economy. Trials for jury civil cases and non-jury civil cases will be set by dockets or case orders issued out by the assigned judge.

Circuit Judge Timothy Burgess will be responsible for administering Circuit Court civil jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Jennifer Weems will be responsible for administering Circuit Court criminal jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Shannon Page will be responsible for administering all circuit level non-jury civil and criminal cases in both Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

In Calhoun County, the judge who is responsible for jury organization is marked by an "\*" unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

## 2025 Master Calendar Abstract-Calhoun County (FOR REFERENCE ONLY. MASTER CALENDAR IS OFFICIAL IN EVENT OF CONFLICT)

### Jury Trial Week Docket Assignments – Calhoun County

Trial V	Veek & Date	Judge Merritt	Judge Burgess	Judge Weems
1	01-13-25	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
2	02-10-25	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil
3	03-10-25	Criminal	Civil	Criminal*
4	03-31-25	Civil	Criminal*	Civil
5	04-14-25	Criminal*	Civil	Criminal
6	06-09-25	Criminal	Civil	Criminal*
7	07-07-25	Civil	Criminal*	Civil
8	08-11-25	Civil	Criminal	Criminal*
9	08-25-25	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
10	09-08-25	Criminal*	Civil	Criminal
11	09-22-25	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
12	10-20-25	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
13	11-03-25	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
14	12-08-25	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil

<sup>\*</sup>Judge responsible for jury organization unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

#### **Grand Jury Assignments - Calhoun County**

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
7 – 2024	12-02-24	Weems	01-30-25
1	01-27-25	Weems	03-06-25
2	03-03-25	Merritt	05-08-25
3	05-05-25	Burgess	06-26-25
4	06-23-25	Weems	08-21-25
5	08-18-25	Merritt	10-30-25
6	10-06-25	Burgess	12-04-25
7	12-01-25	Weems	To Be Set By 2026 Calendar

## 2025 Master Calendar Abstract-Cleburne County (FOR REFERENCE ONLY. MASTER CALENDAR IS OFFICIAL IN EVENT OF CONFLICT)

#### Criminal Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments--Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Criminal Docket Call #1	01-08-25	Weems
Criminal Docket Call #2	04-29-25	Weems
Criminal Docket Call #3	08-20-25	Weems
Criminal Trial Week #1	02-24-25	Weems
Criminal Trial Week #2	5-19-25	Weems
Criminal Trial Week #3	09-15-25	Weems
Criminal Trial Week #4	11-17-25	Weems

#### **Grand Jury Assignments--Cleburne County**

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
4 – 2024	10-28-24	Burgess	01-29-25
1	02-03-25	Weems	03-05-25
2	04-21-25	Weems	06-05-25
3	07-21-25	Weems	10-07-25
4	10-27-25	Weems	To Be Set By 2026 Calendar

#### Civil Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments--Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Jury Civil Docket Call #1	01-28-25	Burgess
Jury Civil Docket Call #2	05-07-25	Burgess
Jury Civil Trial Week #1	04-07-25	Burgess
Jury Civil Trial Week #2	07-14-25	Burgess
Jury Civil Trial Week #3	09-29-25	Burgess