

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

ORDER PUBLISHING COURT CALENDAR
Civil and Criminal Divisions
Calendar Year 2024
AMENDED

(Amending Jury Trial Week, Grand Jury and Arraignments in December-Calhoun County)

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 2024, 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.

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 Bud Turner 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 Timothy Burgess 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: September 15, 2023.

/s/ BUD TURNER
BUD TURNER
Presiding Circuit Judge



Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama
Calhoun and Cleburne Counties
Official Calendar – 2024
(Civil and Criminal Divisions)
(Exclusive of Family Court and District Court)



JANUARY

1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – NEW YEAR’S DAY	
10	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	TCB
15	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – MARTIN L. KING, JR. / ROBERT E. LEE’S BIRTHDAYS	
16-19		DA’S WINTER CONFERENCE	
17-19		JUDGES’ MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	
19-20		COURT REPORTERS’ CONFERENCE	
22-26	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #1 – CALHOUN	JGW – CC LHT, TCB – CV
29	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 03-07-24)	JGW
30	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
31	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CLEBURNE (From GJ #4 – 2023)	TCB

FEBRUARY

1	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT – CALHOUN (From GJ #7 - 2023)	TCB
5	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 03-27-24)	TCB
12-16	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #2 – CALHOUN	LHT, TCB – CC JGW – CV

19	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS’ DAY	
21-23		JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS’ CONFERENCE	
26-30	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	TCB

MARCH

4	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 - CALHOUN (Arraignment 05-09-24)	LHT
7	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CALHOUN (From GJ #1: 01-29-24)	JGW
11-15	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #3 - CALHOUN	LHT, JGW – CC TCB – CV
18-22		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Oxford/Jacksonville)	
25-29		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Calhoun County/Donoho)	
27	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CLEBURNE (From GJ #1: 02-05-24)	TCB

APRIL

1-5	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #4 - CALHOUN	TCB – CC LHT, JGW – CV
1-5		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK (Cleburne County)	
8-12	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #1 - CLEBURNE	LHT
15-19	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #5 – CALHOUN	LHT, JGW – CC TCB – CV
22	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	
24	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	TCB
29	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 06-05-24)	TCB

MAY

6	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 06-27-24)	TCB
7	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	LHT
9	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2 - CALHOUN (From GJ #2: 03-04-24)	LHT
13-17	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #6 – CALHOUN	TCB – CC LHT, JGW – CV
20-24	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	TCB
27	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY	

JUNE

3	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY	
5	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CLEBURNE (From GJ #2: 04-29-24)	TCB
10-14	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #7 – CALHOUN	LHT, JGW – CC TCB – CV
18-21		DA'S SUMMER CONFERENCE	
24	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CALHOUN (Arraignment 08-22-24)	JGW
24-28	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	LHT
27	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3 - CALHOUN (From GJ #3: 05-06-24)	TCB

JULY

4	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – INDEPENDENCE DAY	
29	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3 – CLEBURNE (Arraignment 10-09-24)	TCB

AUGUST

5-7		JUDGES' SUMMER CONFERENCE	
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12-16	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #8 - CALHOUN	TCB, JGW – CC LHT – CV
19	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #5 - CALHOUN (Arrestment 10-10-24)	LHT
21	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #3 – CLEBURNE	TCB
22	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #4 – CALHOUN (From GJ #4: 06-24-24)	JGW
26-30	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #9 – CALHOUN	LHT, TCB – CC JGW – CV

SEPTEMBER

2	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY	
4-6		JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS' CONFERENCE	
9-13	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #10 – CALHOUN	LHT, JGW – CC TCB – CV
16-20	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #3 - CLEBURNE	TCB
23-27	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #11 – CALHOUN	TCB, JGW – CC LHT – CV
30-Nov 4	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE	LHT

OCTOBER

7	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #6 - CALHOUN (Arrestment 12-12-24)	TCB
9	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3 – CLEBURNE (From GJ #3: 07-29-24)	TCB
10	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #5 - CALHOUN (From GJ #5: 08-19-24)	LHT
14	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – COLUMBUS DAY	
21-25	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #12 – CALHOUN	LHT, TCB – CC JGW – CV
28-Nov 1	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CLEBURNE (Arrestment to be set in 2025)	TCB

NOVEMBER

4-8	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #13 - CALHOUN	JGW – CC LHT, TCB – CV
11	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – VETERANS' DAY	
18-22	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #4 – CLEBURNE	TCB
28-29	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – THANKSGIVING	

DECEMBER

2	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #7 – CALHOUN (Arraignment to be set in 2025)	JGW
5	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #6 – CALHOUN (From GJ #6: 10-07-24)	TCB
9-13	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #14 – CALHOUN	LHT, 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 Bud Turner 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 Timothy Burgess 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.

2024 Master Calendar Abstract-Calhoun County

(FOR REFERENCE ONLY. MASTER CALENDAR IS OFFICIAL IN EVENT OF CONFLICT)

Jury Trial Week Docket Assignments – Calhoun County

Trial Week & Date		Judge Turner	Judge Burgess	Judge Weems
1	01-22-24	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
2	02-12-24	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil
3	03-11-24	Criminal	Civil	Criminal*
4	04-01-24	Civil	Criminal*	Civil
5	04-15-24	Criminal*	Civil	Criminal
6	05-13-24	Civil	Criminal*	Civil
7	06-10-24	Criminal	Civil	Criminal*
8	08-12-24	Civil	Criminal	Criminal*
9	08-26-24	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
10	09-09-24	Criminal*	Civil	Criminal
11	09-23-24	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
12	10-21-24	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
13	11-04-24	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
14	12-09-24	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil

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Grand Jury Assignments - Calhoun County

GJ #	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
7 – 2023	12-11-23	Burgess	02-01-24
1	01-29-24	Weems	03-07-24
2	03-04-24	Turner	05-09-24
3	05-06-24	Burgess	06-27-24
4	06-24-24	Weems	08-22-24
5	08-19-24	Turner	10-10-24
6	10-07-24	Burgess	12-05-24
7	12-02-24	Weems	To Be Set By 2025 Calendar

2024 Master Calendar Abstract-Cleburne County

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Criminal Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments--Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Criminal Docket Call #1	01-10-24	Burgess
Criminal Docket Call #2	04-24-24	Burgess
Criminal Docket Call #3	08-21-24	Burgess
Criminal Trial Week #1	02-26-24	Burgess
Criminal Trial Week #2	05-20-24	Burgess
Criminal Trial Week #3	09-16-24	Burgess
Criminal Trial Week #4	11-18-24	Burgess

Grand Jury Assignments--Cleburne County

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
4 – 2023	11-27-23	Burgess	01-31-24
1	02-05-24	Burgess	03-27-24
2	04-29-24	Burgess	06-05-24
3	07-29-24	Burgess	10-09-24
4	10-28-24	Burgess	To Be Set By 2025 Calendar

Civil Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments--Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Jury Civil Docket Call #1	01-30-24	Turner
Jury Civil Docket Call #2	05-07-24	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #1	04-08-24	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #2	06-24-24	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #3	09-30-24	Turner