

SUPREME COURT RULE 218 CONFERENCE CALL

HONORABLE: Judge Jorge Ortiz

DATE: January 15, 2026

COURTROOM: C-201 9:00 A.M.

SUPREME COURT RULE 218 CALL INSTRUCTIONS

This notice of a progress call is mailed to the attorneys three to four weeks prior to the call. Attorneys who agree on the TRACK 1 date located below or wish the Court to assign a track in advance, may appear on any of the assigned judges' motion dates so that the Court may enter an appropriate order. The order will remove the case from the progress call. If an order is not entered prior to the day of the progress call, the attorneys are required to appear. If there is no response, an appropriate Order of Dismissal or Default will be entered.

These are available trial dates. After a date and track have been set by the judge, attorneys are required to prepare an order reciting the trial date, all other dates listed in the "track" for that trial call, and such other dates or matters the Court may order. Supreme Court Rule 218 Orders will be available in the courtroom or online at: <https://www.lakecountycircuitclerk.org/docs/default-source/civil-small-claims/supreme-court-rule-218-case-management-order.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

		TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3
1	TRIAL DATE	BENCH 2-1-27	BENCH 3-1-27	BENCH 4-5-27
	TRIAL DATE	JURY 2-8-27	JURY 3-8-27	JURY 4-12-27
2(a)	Filing Cross, Counter and 3rd Party Complaints	4-20-26	5-4-26	6-15-26
2(b)	Plaintiff's Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	4-20-26	5-4-26	6-15-26
2(c)	Defendant's Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	6-22-26	7-6-26	8-14-26
2(d)	Other Parties' Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	7-22-26	8-5-26	9-14-26
2(e)	213(f) Rebuttal Witness Disclosure	8-21-26	9-4-26	10-14-26
2(f)	Discovery Cutoff	9-21-26	10-5-26	11-13-26
2(g)	2-1005 Filing Deadline	9-28-26	10-13-26	11-20-26
2(h)	Final Trial Conference Jury trials only	1-29-27	2-26-27	4-2-27
2(i)	Subsequent Supreme Court Rule 218 Case Management Conference	7-1-26	7-15-26	8-26-26
3	Final Trial Conference Materials Due	1-22-27	2-19-27	3-26-27

AN ORDER IS REQUIRED IN EVERY CASE. The order must be received by 11:00 AM on the date of the progress call, or sooner, or the case will be DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION