

SUPREME COURT RULE 218 CONFERENCE CALL

HONORABLE Judge Charles W. Smith

DATE: February 4 2026

COURTROOM: C205 9am 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:
<http://www.lakecountylil.gov/circuitclerk/publications/county%20forms/218order.pdf>

		TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3
1	TRIAL DATE	BENCH 11-2-26	BENCH 12-14-26	BENCH 1-25-27
	TRIAL DATE	JURY 11-16-26	JURY 1-4-27	JURY 2-1-27
2(a)	Filing Cross, Counter and 3 rd Party Complaints	5-5-26	6-4-26	7-6-26
2(b)	Plaintiff's Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	5-5-26	6-4-26	7-6-26
2(c)	Defendant's Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	7-6-26	8-3-26	9-4-26
2(d)	Other Parties' Rule 213(f) Witness Disclosure	7-20-26	8-17-26	9-18-26
2(e)	213(f) Rebuttal Witness Disclosure	8-10-26	9-8-26	10-9-26
2(f)	Discovery Cutoff	9-4-26	11-4-26	12-2-26
2(g)	2-1005 Filing Deadline	9-4-26	11-4-26	12-2-26
2(h)	Final Pretrial Conference [jury trials only]	11-6-26	12-18-26	1-22-27

AN ORDER IS REQUIRED IN EVERY CASE. It must be legible with the correct case number and delivered to the clerk. On the progress call date, even if parties appeared before the Court, if an Order is not received by 12:00 Noon on that date of the progress call, the case will be **DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION.**

All jury trials are required to have a mandatory final pretrial conference set on the Friday before the trial date. (See LCR 4.03)