

## REVISED MASTER COURT CALENDAR

Any party or attorney wishing to present a Rule Nisi to set a matter remotely or for an in-person or remote hearing shall present the same to the assigned judge until further order of this Court. **Both essential and non-essential cases may be scheduled by Rule Nisi at the discretion of the presiding judge assigned to the case; the cases do not have to be “emergencies” to proceed.**

**Criminal cases may be set for a hearing using the same procedure in place prior to the issuance of state or circuit emergency judicial orders.**

**Both civil and criminal cases may be set using remote participation at the discretion of the presiding judge.**

The following is the Amended 2020 Superior Court Calendar of the Appalachian Circuit for the time period between **September 11, 2020 and October 10, 2020:**

- Pickens Grand Jury for the week of **September 14, 2020**, is continued.
- Gilmer Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 15, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Pickens Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 16, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Fannin Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 17, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Fannin Arraignment and Pleas shall occur on **September 17, 2020**.
- Gilmer Motions and Pleas (Worcester) **September 18, 2020**, are cancelled.
- Fannin Motions and Pleas (Weaver) **September 18, 2020**, are cancelled.

- Fannin Criminal Jury Trials on **September 21, 2020**, are continued. The Georgia Supreme Court has ordered that jury trials are continued until further order of the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Gilmer Criminal Jury Trials on **September 21, 2020**, are continued. The Georgia Supreme Court has ordered that jury trials are continued until further order of the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Gilmer Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 22, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Gilmer Criminal Nonjury Pretrial Conferences shall be heard on **September 22, 2020**. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Pickens Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 23, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Pickens Criminal Nonjury on **September 23, 2020**, shall include plea hearings for both incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants, arraignments, probation revocations, bond motions and other motion hearings. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Pickens Criminal Nonjury Pretrial Conferences shall be heard on **September 23, 2020**. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Fannin Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 24, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Fannin Criminal Nonjury Pretrial Conferences shall be heard on **September 24, 2020**.
- Pickens Civil Jury Trials on **September 28, 2020**, are continued. The Georgia Supreme Court has ordered that jury trials are continued until further order of the Georgia Supreme Court.

- Gilmer Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 29, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Gilmer Criminal Nonjury Hearings on **September 29, 2020**, shall include plea hearings for both incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants, arraignments, probation revocations, bond motions and other motion hearings. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Pickens Civil Nonjury Hearings on **September 30, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Pickens Criminal Nonjury Hearings on **September 30, 2020**, shall include plea hearings for both incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants, arraignments, probation revocations, bond motions and other motion hearings. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Fannin Civil Nonjury Hearings on **October 1, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Fannin Criminal Nonjury Hearings on **October 1, 2020**, shall include plea hearings for both incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants, arraignments, probation revocations, bond motions and other motion hearings. Calendar times shall be staggered.
- Pickens Civil Jury Trials on **October 5, 2020**, are continued. The Georgia Supreme Court has ordered that jury trials are continued until further order of the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Gilmer Civil Jury Trials on **October 5, 2020**, are continued. The Georgia Supreme Court has ordered that jury trials are continued until further order of the Georgia Supreme Court.
- Gilmer Civil Nonjury Hearings on **October 6, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.
- Pickens Civil Nonjury Hearings on **October 7, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.

- Fannin Civil Nonjury Hearings on **October 8, 2020**, shall include only the remote hearings or in-person hearings which the assigned judge has set by Rule Nisi.

### **RESUMPTION OF GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS**

- Gilmer Grand Jury shall convene on **October 19, 2020**.
- Fannin Grand Jury shall convene on **November 9, 2020**.
- Pickens Grand Jury shall convene on **November 16, 2020**.

### **\*TENTATIVE\* RESUMPTION OF JURY TRIALS**

The Supreme Court of Georgia has prohibited jury trials at this time but will reevaluate the prohibition or resumption of jury trials in the next order to be entered on or before October 10, 2020. The tentative date for jury trials to resume in this circuit is **November 30, 2020**, but this date may be extended based upon the next Supreme Court Order.

- Gilmer Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **November 30, 2020**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **November 20, 2020**.
- Pickens Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **November 30, 2020**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **November 20, 2020**.
- Fannin Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **November 30, 2020**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **November 20, 2020**.
- Gilmer Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **January 25, 2021**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **January 15, 2021**.
- Pickens Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **January 25, 2021**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **January 15, 2021**.
- Fannin Criminal Jury Trials will tentatively begin **January 25, 2021**, subject to the Supreme Court's next order. Motions and pleas will be held on **January 15, 2021**.

- Parties and attorneys shall contact the **Juvenile Judge's** Office for instructions on scheduling hearings.
- Parties and attorneys shall contact the assigned **Probate Judge's** Office for instructions on scheduling hearings.
- Parties and attorneys shall contact the assigned **Magistrate Judge's** Office for instructions on scheduling hearings.

The Clerk's office is instructed not to accept Rule Nisis for court dates between now and October 10, 2020, without first presenting the same to the assigned judge, other than default judgments or other uncontested matters.