

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER - DISPOSSESSORY CASES

Effective January 1, 2017, dispossessionary cases over 90 days old in which there has been no service or in which there has been service but in which the Plaintiff has taken no action will be dismissed.

This Order does not apply to cases in which answers have been filed and cases placed on the calendar, cases in which there have been final judgments, including consents, or to pending cases in which there has been some activity.


This Court handles some 38,000 new dispossessionary cases a year. Many cases remain open for years even though they have apparently settled. The Court wishes to close these cases and simplify its docket.

Moreover, the Court frequently receives communications from former tenants with subsequent credit issues or problems renting housing because of pending cases that have been resolved but not closed out. In such cases, it becomes necessary for the court to individually contact the parties and to calendar the cases.

The Court believes eliminating stale cases from its docket will alleviate both sets of issues.

So Ordered, this 28th day December, 2016.


Berryl A. Anderson, Chief Magistrate Judge
Magistrate Court of DeKalb County

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THIS 28 DAY OF DEC 20 16

Clerk, State Court, DeKalb County