

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MEDIATION ORDER**

As of September 1, 2020, all general civil cases filed in DeKalb County Magistrate Court are required to utilize the Court's free Online Dispute Resolution (hereinafter "ODR") program. This mandate applies to all pending general civil cases, as well as any filed from today's date forward.

This Order is in furtherance of O.C.G.A. §15-10-44(a):

The trial shall be conducted on the day set for the hearing, or at such later time as the judge may set. Immediately prior to the trial of any case, the judge shall counsel the parties to make an earnest effort to settle the controversy by conciliation. If the parties fail to settle their differences without a trial, the judge shall proceed with the hearing on its merits.

Both the Plaintiff and Defendant in the above-referenced case shall make a good faith effort to resolve the case using a mediator through the ODR program. If the parties cannot reach a resolution, the case will be placed on a calendar for a hearing before the Court.

This 28th day of August 2020.



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Berryl A. Anderson, Chief Judge  
DeKalb County Magistrate Court