

**IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA**  
**Circuit Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties**

**FILED**

**ORDER PUBLISHING COURT CALENDAR**  
**Civil and Criminal Divisions**  
**Calendar Year 2018**

OCT 02 2017

**KIM McCARSON, CLERK**

It is ORDERED that the attached shall constitute the Calendar for the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama for the calendar year 2018, exclusive of the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

This calendar may be amended from time to time as necessary. Any individual judge may, as deemed necessary to promote an efficient use of judicial time and resources, issue orders docketing cases in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this calendar. However, any such inconsistent settings shall be undertaken only after due consideration of any adverse impact that may thereby result. Conflicts that arise as a result of an individual judge setting cases inconsistently with the general provisions of this Calendar shall be resolved adversely to the "special" setting unless the adverse setting is to dispose of a capital case or a complex case involving special circumstances.

District Court for Calhoun and Cleburne County calendars shall be drawn in such a manner so as to minimize conflict with the Master Court Calendar. This requirement is in no way intended to establish any priority of cases between courts or to elevate the work or importance of one court over another. This Circuit has historically operated on a master rather than a unified calendar system. This "Master Calendar" is to be used as a key for the promulgation of the calendars for the above-named courts and, as such, should be used as a framework therefore. Conflicts, where they occur, will be resolved as set out below.

In the event of a case setting conflict, normally jury trials should prevail over non-jury settings and criminal cases should prevail over civil cases unless the law requires expedited disposition of or gives priority to an individual case. Individual conflicts should be resolved between judges. Attorneys are reminded of their responsibility to assist the Court in minimizing or resolving calendar conflicts (by the giving of prompt notice of an upcoming conflict) in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Alabama Supreme Court. Conflict resolution guidelines and procedures are published at length in the Alabama Rules of Court pamphlet published by West Publishing Company.

Such appropriate dockets as may be required by rule or law shall be prepared and published and notices given in a timely manner by the Clerks of Court.

Every effort has been made to avoid calendar conflicts with scheduled holidays. Holiday closings may be amended as required to facilitate court business or to conform to directives from the Governor or the Chief Justice.

The Court has established a calendar that essentially avoids jury court during spring and Fall School Breaks, a substantial portion of the month of July and the Christmas – New Year holiday season. To succeed and be able to repeat this “luxury” in succeeding years, best efforts will have to be made to make the current year calendar productive.

This calendar may be amended or augmented as necessary in order to appropriately dispose of any capital murder cases on the court docket. This will be done by separate order entered by individual judges. Any corrections, additions or deletions to this Calendar will be posted on the public bulletin boards maintained outside the Clerk’s offices.

Judge Bud Turner shall have general and supervisory authority over the jury civil division of the Circuit Court of Cleburne County (exclusive of the Family Court Division) and Judge Brian Howell shall have similar authority over the jury criminal division. Judge Shannon Page shall have general authority over all non-jury civil and non-jury criminal cases within said courts. Judges shall have the authority to alter this Calendar where necessary to effectuate the orderly flow of cases within that Court.

The calendar and this Order shall spread upon the Minutes of the Court in each county within this circuit and shall be forthwith published by the Clerks of Court. A copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Administrative Office of Courts, and a copy shall also be prominently posted at each office.

DATED: Oct. 2, 2017

  
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BRIAN HOWELL  
Presiding Circuit Judge



# Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama

Calhoun and Cleburne Counties

## Official Calendar – 2018

(Civil and Criminal Divisions)

(Exclusive of Family Court and District Court)



### JANUARY

1	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—NEW YEAR'S DAY	
2	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1—CLEBURNE	LHT
	10:30 AM	NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1—CLEBURNE	SCP
4	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #1—CLEBURNE	BPH
9	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1—CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ, LHT
	10:30 AM	NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1—CALHOUN (Setting for trial weeks 5, 6, 7, 8)	SCP
15	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – ROBERT E. LEE/MARTIN L. KING, JR. BIRTHDAYS	
17		JUDGE'S MID-WINTER CONFERENCE DA CONFERENCE COURT REPORTER CONFERENCE	
22-26	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #1—CALHOUN	BPH, LHT—CC DHJ—CV
29-2	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1—CALHOUN (Arraignment 03-22-2018)	LHT

### FEBRUARY

5-9	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #1—CLEBURNE	BPH
19	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—PRESIDENT'S DAY	
20	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1—CLEBURNE (Arraignment 04-10-2018)	BPH
26-2	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #2—CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ—CC LHT—CV

### MARCH

5	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #1—CLEBURNE	LHT
5	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2—CALHOUN (Arraignment 04-12-2018)	DHJ
12-16	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #3—CALHOUN	LHT—CC BPH, DHJ—CV
19	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #2—CLEBURNE	BPH

22	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1—CALHOUN (From GJ #1, 01-29-2018)	LHT
26-30		ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK	
<b>APRIL</b>			
2-6	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #4—CALHOUN	DHJ—CC BPH, LHT—CV
9	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3—CALHOUN (Arraignment 06-07-2018)	BPH
10	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT # 1—CLEBURNE (From GJ #1: 02-20-2018)	BPH
12	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2—CALHOUN (From GJ #2, 03-05-2018)	DHJ
16-20	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #5—CALHOUN	BPH, LHT—CC DHJ—CV
23	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	
30	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2—CLEBURNE (Arraignment 08-09-2018)	BPH
<b>MAY</b>			
1	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CALHOUN (Setting Cases for Trial Weeks 9, 10, 11, 12)	BPH, DHJ, LHT
8	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2—CLEBURNE NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2—CLEBURNE	LHT SCP
10	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #2—CLEBURNE	BPH
14-18	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #6—CALHOUN	DHJ—CC BPH, LHT—CV
21	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #2—CLEBURNE	LHT
28	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—MEMORIAL DAY	
<b>JUNE</b>			
4	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY	
7	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3—CALHOUN (From GJ #3, 04-09-2018)	BPH
11	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4—CALHOUN (Arraignment 07-19-2018)	LHT
19-22		DA CONFERENCE	
25-29	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #7—CALHOUN	BPH, LHT—CC DHJ—CV

**JULY**

4	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—INDEPENDENCE DAY	
9-11		JUDGE'S CONFERENCE	
19	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #4—CALHOUN (From GJ #4, 06-11-2018)	LHT
23	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #3—CLEBURNE	BPH
23	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #5—CALHOUN (Arraignment 09-06-2018)	DHJ
30-3	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #8—CALHOUN	LHT, DHJ—CC BPH—CV

**AUGUST**

7	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3—CALHOUN NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3—CALHOUN (Setting cases for trial weeks 13, 14, 15)	BPH, DHJ, LHT SCP
9	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2—CLEBURNE (From GJ #2, 04-30-2018)	BPH
13-17	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #9—CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ—CC LHT—CV
20-24	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #3—CLEBURNE	LHT
27	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #6—CALHOUN (Arraignment 10-11-2018)	BPH

**SEPTEMBER**

3	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY	
6	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #5—CALHOUN (From GJ #5, 07-23-2018)	DHJ
10-14	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #10—CALHOUN	LHT—CC BPH, DHJ—CV
17	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3—CLEBURNE (Arraignment 11-29-2018)	BPH
24-28	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #11—CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ—CC LHT—CV

**OCTOBER**

1-5	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #4—CLEBURNE	BPH
1	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #7—CALHOUN (Arraignment 12-13-2018)	LHT
8	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – COLUMBUS DAY	

9	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #4—CALHOUN (Setting cases for trial weeks 1-4 of 2019)	BPH, DHJ, LHT
11	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #6—CALHOUN (From GJ #6: 08-27-2018)	BPH
22-26	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #12—CALHOUN	DHJ, LHT—CC BPH—CV
29-2	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #13—CALHOUN	BPH—CC LHT, DHJ—CV

**NOVEMBER**

5-9	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #14—CALHOUN	LHT, DHJ—CC BPH—CV
12	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—VETERAN'S DAY	
22	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—THANKSGIVING DAY	
26	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4—CLEBURNE (Arraignment to be set in 2019)	BPH
29	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3—CLEBURNE (From GJ #3, 09-17-2018)	BPH

**DECEMBER**

3-7	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #15—CALHOUN	BPH—CC LHT, DHJ—CV
10	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #8—CALHOUN (Arraignment to be set in 2019)	DHJ
13	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #7—CALHOUN (From GJ #7: 10-01-2018)	LHT
25	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—CHRISTMAS	

## **ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES AND NOTATIONS:**

The Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne County will promulgate separate calendars and appropriate dockets.

Peremptory docket calls ("Horse Dockets") are mandatory. Unexcused non-attendance may result in adverse action.

Non-Jury Civil cases will be set by dockets or case orders issued out by the assigned judge and may be set other than through the use of peremptory docket calls ("Horse Dockets"). Additional non-jury civil docket calls may be set by separate order and held as needed to promote case flow and judicial economy.

Circuit Judge Bud Turner will be responsible for administering Circuit Court civil jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Brian Howell will be responsible for administering Circuit Court criminal jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Shannon Page will be responsible for administering all circuit level non-jury civil and criminal cases in both Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

In Calhoun County, the judge who is responsible for jury organization is marked by an "\*" unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

# 2018 Master Calendar Abstract-Calhoun County

(FOR REFERENCE ONLY. MASTER CALENDAR IS OFFICIAL IN EVENT OF CONFLICT)

Trial Week & Date	Judge Howell	Judge Jones	Judge Turner
1	01-22-18	Criminal*	Civil
2	02-26-18	Criminal	Criminal*
3	03-12-18	Civil	Civil
4	04-02-18	Civil	Criminal*
5	04-16-18	Criminal*	Civil
6	05-14-18	Civil	Criminal*
7	06-25-18	Criminal	Civil
8	07-30-18	Civil	Criminal*
9	08-13-18	Criminal*	Criminal
10	09-10-18	Civil	Civil
11	09-24-18	Criminal	Criminal*
12	10-22-18	Civil	Civil
13	10-29-18	Criminal*	Criminal*
14	11-05-18	Civil	Civil
15	12-03-18	Criminal	Criminal*

\*Judge responsible for jury organization unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

## Grand Jury Assignments - Calhoun County

GJ #	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
1	01-29-18	Turner	03-22-18
2	03-05-18	Jones	04-12-18
3	04-09-18	Howell	06-07-18
4	06-11-18	Turner	07-19-18
5	07-23-18	Jones	09-06-18
6	08-27-18	Howell	10-11-18
7	10-01-18	Turner	12-13-18
8	12-10-18	Jones	To Be Set by 2019 Calendar

CIVIL DOCKET CALL	DATE	JUDGES	SETTING FOR JURY WEEKS
Docket Call #1 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	01-09-18	BPH, DHJ, LHT, SCP	Trial Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8
Docket Call #2 (J) @ 9:00 AM (Including Administrative Docket)	05-01-18	BPH, DHJ, LHT	Trial Weeks 9, 10, 11, 12
Docket Call #3 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	08-07-18	BPH, DHJ, LHT, SCP	Trial Weeks 13, 14, 15
Docket Call #4 (J) @ 9:00 AM (Including Administrative Docket)	10-09-18	BPH, DHJ, LHT	Trial Weeks 1-4 of 2019



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## Criminal Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments - Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Criminal Docket Call #1	01-04-18	Howell
Criminal Docket Call #2	05-10-18	Howell
Criminal Trial Week #1	02-05-18	Howell
Criminal Trial Week #2	03-19-18	Howell
Criminal Trial Week #3	07-23-18	Howell
Criminal Trial Week #4	10-01-18	Howell

## Grand Jury Assignments - Cleburne County

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
1	02-20-18	Howell	04-10-18
2	04-30-18	Howell	08-09-18
3	09-17-18	Howell	11-29-18
4	11-26-18	Howell	TBD 2019

## Civil Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments - Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #1	01-02-18 at 10:30	Page
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #2	05-08-18 at 10:30	Page
Jury Civil Docket Call #1	01-02-18 at 9:00	Turner
Jury Civil Docket Call #2	05-08-18 at 9:00	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #1	03-05-18	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #2	05-21-18	Turner
Jury Civil Trial Week #3	08-20-18	Turner