

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

**ORDER PUBLISHING COURT CALENDAR**  
**Civil and Criminal Divisions**  
**Calendar Year 2021**

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 2021, 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 Debra Jones 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 Bud Turner 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: 11/5/2020

/s/ Brian P. Howell  
BRIAN P. HOWELL,  
Presiding Circuit Judge



**Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama**  
**Calhoun and Cleburne Counties**  
**Official Calendar – 2021**  
**(Civil and Criminal Divisions)**  
**(Exclusive of Family Court and District Court)**



**JANUARY**

<b>1</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – NEW YEAR’S	
<b>5</b>	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
<b>7</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	DHJ SCP
<b>11-15</b>	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #1 – CALHOUN	CC: BPH CV: DHJ, LHT
<b>18</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – ROBERT E. LEE/MARTIN L. KING, JR. BIRTHDAYS	
<b>19</b>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CALHOUN NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1-CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ, LHT SCP
<b>20-22</b>		JUDGES’ MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	
<b>25-29</b>	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CALHOUN	DHJ
<b>28</b>		ARRAIGNMENT #7 – CALHOUN	DHJ

**FEBRUARY**

<b>1-5</b>	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
<b>8-12</b>	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	DHJ
<b>15</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS’ DAY	
<b>16-19</b>	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
<b>22-26</b>	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #2 – CALHOUN	CC: DHJ, LHT CV: BPH

**MARCH**

<b>15-19</b>	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #3 – CALHOUN	CC: BPH, DHJ CV: LHT
<b>18</b>	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CALHOUN	DHJ

22-26 ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK

29-2 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #2 – CALHOUN LHT

**APRIL**

5-9 9:00 AM JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE LHT

12-16 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #4 – CALHOUN CC: LHT  
CV: BPH, DHJ  
20 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CALHOUN BPH, DHJ, LHT  
10:30 AM NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CALHOUN SCP

26 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

29 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CLEBURNE LHT

**MAY**

6 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CALHOUN LHT

10-14 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #5—CALHOUN CC: BPH, DHJ  
CV: LHT

17-21 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #3 – CALHOUN BPH

17-21 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE DHJ

31 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY—MEMORIAL DAY

**JUNE**

7 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY

8-11 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #2 – CLEBURNE LHT

10 9:00 AM CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE LHT

14-18 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #6 – CALHOUN CC: LHT  
CV: BPH, DHJ

22 9:00 AM CIVIL DOCKET #2 – CLEBURNE DHJ  
10:30 AM NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE SCP

**JULY**

5 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY—INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)

8 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #3 – CALHOUN BPH

12-14 JUDGES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE

19-23 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #4 – CALHOUN DHJ

26-30 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #7 – CALHOUN CC: BPH  
CV: DHJ, LHT

## AUGUST

2-6 9:00 AM CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

9-13 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #8 – CALHOUN CC: DHJ, LHT  
CV: BPH

16-20 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE DHJ  
LHT

23-27 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #5 – CALHOUN LHT

26 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CLEBURNE LHT

## SEPTEMBER

2 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #4 – CALHOUN DHJ

6 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY

7-10 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

13-17 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #9—CALHOUN CC: BPH  
CV: DHJ, LHT

27-1 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #10—CALHOUN CC: DHJ, LHT  
CV: BPH

## OCTOBER

4-8 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #11 – CALHOUN CC: BPH, DHJ  
CV: LHT

11 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY - COLUMBUS DAY

12 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3 – CALHOUN BPH, DHJ, LHT  
10:30 AM NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3 – CALHOUN SCP

14 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #5 – CALHOUN LHT

25-29 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #6 – CALHOUN BPH

## NOVEMBER

1-5 9:00 AM JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #4 – CLEBURNE LHT

10 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

11 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – VETERANS' DAY

15-19	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #12 – CALHOUN	CC: LHT CV: BPH, DHJ
25	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY	

**DECEMBER**

6-10	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CLEBURNE	LHT
9	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #6 – CALHOUN	BPH
13-17	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #7 – CALHOUN	DHJ
24	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY (OBSERVED)	
31	<b>CLOSED</b>	HOLIDAY—NEW YEAR’S DAY (OBSERVED)	

## **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 Debra Jones 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 Bud Turner 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.

# 2021 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 1-11-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
2 2-22-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
3 3-15-21	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil
4 4-12-21	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
5 5-10-21	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
6 6-14-21	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
7 7-26-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
8 8-9-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
9 9-13-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
10 9-27-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
11 10-4-21	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
12 11-15-21	Civil	Civil	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	1-25-21	Jones	3-18-21
2	3-29-21	Turner	5-6-21
3	5-17-21	Howell	7-8-21
4	7-19-21	Jones	9-2-21
5	8-23-21	Turner	10-14-21
6	10-25-21	Howell	12-9-21
7	12-13-21	Jones	To Be Set 2022

CIVIL DOCKET CALL	DATE	JUDGES	SETTING FOR JURY WEEKS
Docket Call #1 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	1-19-21	H,J,T  Page	Trial Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8
Docket Call #2 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM (Including Administrative Docket)	4-20-21	H,J,T  Page	Trial Weeks 8, 9, 10, 11
Docket Call #3 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	10-12-21	H,J,T  Page	Trial Weeks 12, 1, 2, 3, 4



# 2021 Master Calendar Abstract-Cleburne County

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

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Criminal Docket Call #1	1-5-21	Turner
Criminal Docket Call #2	6-10-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #1	2-1-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #2	4-5-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #3	8-2-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #4	11-1-21	Turner

## Grand Jury Assignments - Cleburne County

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
1	2-16-21	Turner	4-29-21
2	6-8-21	Turner	8-26-21
3	9-7-21	Turner	11-10-21
4	12-6-21	Turner	Set in 2022

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

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #1	1-7-21	Page
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #2	6-22-21	Page
Jury Civil Docket Call #1	1-7-21	Jones
Jury Civil Docket Call #2	6-22-21	Jones
		Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #1	2-8-21	Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #2	5-17-21	Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #3	8-16-21	Jones