



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
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July 3, 2012

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In Re: Michael J. Goretzka, et al

vs.

Allegheny Power, et al

Case No: GD 11-9919

Issue: 193156

Dear Ms. Baldwin:

You are hereby notified that the above-captioned case has been listed for trial on October 31, 2012. The Case will be called on October 31, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Ronald W. Folino, in Courtroom No. 704, 7th Floor, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Please note that significant changes have been made to Allegheny County Civil Court Rules 212 and 220.1. Rule 212 governs pre-trial statements. New information must be included in your pre-trial statement if you elect to take advantage of offering a "voir dire statement" during jury selection and seeking to ask up to 5 additional voir dire questions. Rule 220.1 governs voir dire (the jury selection process). You should review this rule to understand the new jury selection process in Allegheny County. Both rules can be found at [www.alleghenycourts.us/civil/civil\\_court\\_rules.aspx](http://www.alleghenycourts.us/civil/civil_court_rules.aspx).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clair R. Beckwith".

Clair R. Beckwith  
Calendar Control Clerk

CRB/cvr

All Discovery to be completed by **August 27, 2012**. All other requirements of PA R.C.P. 212 (including pre-trial statements) must be met by plaintiff on or before **September 10, 2012**, and by all other parties on or before **September 24, 2012**.

MAJOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN LOCAL RULE 212.2 GOVERNING PRE-TRIAL STATEMENTS. EACH PARTY MAY SET FORTH IN THE PRE-TRIAL STATEMENT A VERBATIM VOIR DIRE STATEMENT OF 200 OR FEWER WORDS, AND MAY PROPOSE UP TO FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A VOIR DIRE STATEMENT OR PROPOSED ADDITIONAL VOIR DIRE IN A TIMELY FILED PRE-TRIAL STATEMENT WILL CONSTITUTE WAIVER.

Except for good cause shown or by agreement of counsel to the contrary, the date for completion of discovery contained in the notice of publication of this list will be interpreted to mean that discovery must be completed by such date. The party initiating the discovery must do so within such time as to permit the responding party the full time allowed for response by the Rules of Civil Procedure so that the response may be served on or before the date set for completion of discovery.

No trial will be delayed because of failure to comply with R.C.P. 212.

If any party is not ready when a case is called for trial, Rule 218 will be strictly enforced.

The specific date on which a given case is listed is a close estimate as to when the case will be reached for trial. If the case does not settle, a jury will be selected and trial will begin thereafter.

Counsel must appear at the Call of the List on the date the case is listed for trial. See Local Rule 214.

You must notify court staff (Calendar Control, Assignment Room, or my staff) immediately when a case on a trial list is settled. The failure to notify results in unnecessary jurors being called, causing inconvenience to them and costs to the County. Sanctions will be imposed on all counsel for failure to notify timely.

#### **TRIAL POLICY**

The following rules will be applied to all cases published:

1. When the list of cases is first published each firm must ascertain the readiness of its cases as to bills, reports, etc., and the availability of witnesses, doctors, experts, etc., involved in the case.
2. When it is ascertained that any person necessary for the trial of the case may not be available during the trial term, the deposition of that person for use at trial must be taken forthwith.
3. Continuances may not be granted to accommodate counsel, clients, or witnesses for business trips, vacations, or any absence during trial terms or for failure to comply with any of the trial policy rules.
4. Counsel, as listed for the case, must be available and ready to try the case at the time it is called.
5. If listed counsel is not available, absent compelling reasons, substitute counsel must be available.
6. A law firm not having sufficient trial counsel must obtain substitute trial counsel.
7. If listed counsel is not available and substitute counsel is not provided, the case will proceed without counsel.
8. When called to select a jury, counsel must appear within 30 minutes. If counsel is not present when called, a clerk will select the jury and the case will be ordered to trial without counsel.
9. The trial policy rules will be applied regardless of the directions or desires of clients.

#### **PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS**

All motions relating to discovery and the amendments of pleadings will be held before the Honorable Ronald W. Folino, in Courtroom 4, on the 7th Floor of the City-County Building at 1:30 p.m. on days there is a Call of the List and 9:30 a.m. on other days as set forth in notices in the Pittsburgh Legal Journal. (This list appears on pages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ of this publication and at the Court website at [www.allegheycourts.us](http://www.allegheycourts.us)).

**RONALD W. FOLINO**  
**CALENDAR CONTROL JUDGE**