

Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions

Rule A. Scope of Rules.

These Rules shall be known and cited as the "Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions" and are intended to create a voluntary process to promote the just and efficient determination of the cases to which they apply. These Rules apply to civil actions in the circuit court where the damages are limited to \$50,000 and the parties agree to the assignment of the action to an expedited track, pursuant to Rule B or C, except actions involving: (1) domestic relations or family law, (2) real-property law, (3) tax law, (4) workers' compensation claims, and (5) claims as to which no money damages are sought. The circuit court shall enter a scheduling order in every civil action assigned to the expedited track, which shall incorporate the deadlines in the Expedited Scheduling and Discovery Order (Form 1, attached to these Rules), except as may be modified by the circuit court for good cause.

[Effective 1-1-2017.]

Comments

These Rules apply to civil actions in which the claim asserted is limited to \$50,000, inclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees. Such actions, with the consent of all parties, are to be handled on an expedited track intended to resolve the claim in an efficient and expedited, but just, manner. The types of cases specifically excluded from the expedited track are listed in Rule A.

Note from the reporter of decisions: The order adopting the Alabama Rules for Expedited Civil Actions effective January 1, 2017, including Justice Murdock's and Justice Shaw's special writings dissenting to that order, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from 200 So. 3d.