

## **ALABAMA SMALL CLAIMS RULES**

### **Rule A.**

#### **Scope of rules.**

These rules govern procedure in cases in the district courts. They are to be known and cited as the "Alabama Small Claims Rules." They shall be construed to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every case. All small claims court cases shall be conducted in such manner as to do substantial justice between the parties according to the rules of substantive law and, in the administration of these rules, and particularly Rule "N" hereof, the court shall make such accommodation to parties not represented by an attorney as is necessary to serve the ends of justice and the court, in its discretion, may explore claims and/or defenses not raised by the parties.

These rules shall not be applicable to actions of unlawful detainer pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 6 or Title 35, Chapter 9, Code of Alabama 1975. Actions of unlawful detainer shall be filed on the regular district court docket and shall be governed by the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure with district court modifications.

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