

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA

Corey Wickramasekera v. Walmart Inc. et al.

Civil Action No. 25-45, Section R (1) · No. Civil Action No. 25-45, Section R (1) · Decided February 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana grants the plaintiff's motion to continue the trial and associated unexpired deadlines. The court finds good cause based on the plaintiff's continuing medical treatment and schedules a telephone scheduling conference for March 17, 2026, to reset those deadlines.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sarah S. Vance
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
DECIDED	February 10, 2026
DOCKET	Civil Action No. 25-45, Section R (1)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved to continue the trial and related deadlines under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A trial court's decision to grant or deny a continuance is reviewed under an abuse-of-discretion framework; modification of a scheduling order requires good cause and the judge's consent.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether plaintiff demonstrated good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4) to modify the scheduling order and continue the trial and associated unexpired deadlines.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff demonstrated good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4), so the court continued the trial and associated unexpired deadlines.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A scheduling order may be modified only for good cause and with the judge’s consent.”

“The ‘good cause standard requires the party seeking relief to show that the deadlines cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party needing the extension.’”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff alleged that an underlying incident caused injuries for which he continued to receive medical treatment. He contended that the ongoing treatment required additional time and moved to continue the trial and related deadlines. The court accepted this circumstance as establishing good cause for the requested continuance.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff requested a continuance because he was continuing to receive medical treatment for injuries allegedly caused by the incident underlying his claims. The district court found good cause and continued the trial and all associated unexpired deadlines, to be reset at a telephone scheduling conference. Previously expired deadlines were not reset.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- S&W Enter., L.L.C. v. SouthTrust Bank of Ala., NA, 315 F.3d 533, 535 (5th Cir. 2003)
- United States v. Alix, 86 F.3d 429, 434 (5th Cir. 1996)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA COREY WICKRAMASEKERA CIVIL ACTION VERSUS NO. 25-45 WALMART INC. ET AL. SECTION “R” (1) ORDER AND REASONS Before the Court is plaintiff’s motion to continue trial and related deadlines.¹ Plaintiff contends that a continuance is necessary because he is continually receiving medical treatment for the injuries the incident underlying his claims allegedly caused.

Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[a] scheduling order may be modified only for good cause and with the judge’s consent.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The “good cause standard requires the party seeking relief to show that the deadlines cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party needing the extension.” *S&W Enter., L.L.C. v. SouthTrust Bank of Ala., NA*, 315 F.3d 533, 535 (5th Cir.

2003) (internal citations omitted). Whether to grant or deny a continuance is within the sound discretion of the trial court. *United States v. Alix*, 86 F.3d 429, 434 (5th Cir. 1996). 1 R. Doc. 22. The Court finds that plaintiff has shown good cause to continue the trial and unexpired associated deadlines.

Accordingly, the Court continues the trial and associated unexpired deadlines to be reset at a scheduling conference held BY TELEPHONE on MARCH 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The parties shall call in for the teleconference using phone number (833) 990-9400, Access Code: 124518418.

The Court will be represented by its Case Manager at the scheduling conference. All deadlines that have already expired are not reset. New Orleans, Louisiana, this 10th day of February, 2026.
Aernk Vav1r. SARAH S. VANCE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE