

Venue Rules



Individual Defendants

Types of Parties	Proper Venue
Plaintiff v. GA Resident Defendant	County where the defendant resides. Ga. Const. Art VI § II, Para. VI. Where there are multiple defendants, venue is proper in the county where any defendant resides.
Plaintiff v. Non-GA Resident Defendant	Under the Non-Resident Motorist Act, a Georgia resident plaintiff may choose between the county where the plaintiff resides and the county where the cause of action arose. O.C.G.A. § 40-12-3. Under the Georgia Long-Arm Statute venue is proper where the transaction or cause of action arose, or where the property is located. O.C.G.A. § 9-10-93.
Non-GA Resident Plaintiff v. Non-GA Resident Defendant	Under the Non-Resident Motorist Act, a Non-GA resident plaintiff must initiate his or action in the county where the cause of action arose. O.C.G.A. § 40-12-3.

Corporate Defendants

A corporate defendant is subject to venue in the county where:

1. It has its current or last named registered office per the Secretary of State;
2. Contracts: It made or performed the contract, provided that the corporation has an office and transacts business in that county; and
3. Torts: Where the cause of action arose, but if the corporation has no office in that county, the corporation has 45 days after service to change venue to the county of its principal place of business. O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510.

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