

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

DR. PRESTON BOLES

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 4:21-CV-88-DMB-JMV

GREENWOOD LEFLORE HOSPITAL

DEFENDANT

ORDER

On February 1, 2023, Greenwood Leflore Hospital filed a motion to continue the February 13 jury trial date. Doc. #94. As cause, the Hospital represents that one of its attorneys “is in Texas assisting his father” following the death of his mother on January 31, 2023; “[d]ue to impending arrangements and family responsibilities, ... [he] is unable to prepare for trial at this time[n]or will [he] likely be able to attend trial in two weeks;” and “[he] has played an integral role in defending this matter since this lawsuit was filed and his participation is critical to [the] Hospital’s defense.” *Id.* at 1. The Hospital also represents that Preston Boles “has no objection to this request” and “both parties are available during the month of April should that be convenient to the Court.” *Id.* Later the same day, the Hospital moved to correct the motion to continue to the extent it “stated that ... [its attorney] is assisting his father in Texas when, in fact, he and his father are in California.” Doc. #95 at 1.

While the Court is sympathetic to the reason for the requested trial continuance, given the length of time this case has been pending, that the Hospital has additional counsel designated as lead counsel, that the parties presumably were prepared for trial in January, and that an April jury trial is not convenient for the Court based on the Court’s current schedule, the motion to continue trial [94] is **DENIED**. The motion to correct [95] is **DENIED as moot**.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of February, 2023.

/s/Debra M. Brown
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE