

PRACTICE PREFERENCES

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EX PARTE MOTIONS AND ORDERS, EMERGENCY MOTIONS

Orders on Ex Parte motions and emergency motions are made at the discretion of the Court. The materials should be submitted by US Mail or other courier service. Ex Parte motions submitted by email will not be accepted.

The materials should include the following:

1. Cover letter with opposing counsel copied
2. Copy of the Motion. All originals should be filed with the Clerk. The motion should indicate whether opposing counsel has been contacted, and whether there is any objection to the motion. Emergency motions must include the reason why the matter requires the Court's immediate attention, and cannot be set for hearing.
3. Proposed Order. **Orders with a stand alone signature page (a page with only "done and ordered..." and the judge's signature line) will be returned with instructions to include some substance of the order on the same page as the signature block.**

4. A copy of the Order for each party on the service list.
5. Postage paid envelopes addressed to each party on the service list.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of items that the Court would consider ex parte:

- Motion for Substitution of Counsel
- Motion to Withdraw (with written consent of the client)
- Motion for Extension of Time
- Motion to Appoint Guardian ad Litem / Attorney ad Litem
- Motion to Re-Schedule Foreclosure Sale
- Motion for Writ of Possession
- Motion for Voluntary Dismissal
- Motion for Rehearing / Reconsideration
- Motion to Vacate Final Judgment
- Motion to Disqualify
- Motion to Return Original Documents
- Motion for Default
- Agreed Upon or Stipulated Orders
- Motions to Compel Discovery (pursuant to Administrative Order 2013-005 PA/PI-CIR)

ALL MOTIONS SEEKING ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT MUST BE SET FOR HEARING.

SPECIAL SET HEARINGS

Hearings should be set by contacting Judge Groger's Judicial Assistant, Gia Reda, at CrCivE2@jud6.org. The motion must be filed before scheduling it for hearing. Once the motion is filed, the Judicial Assistant will provide you with available hearing date/time for you to coordinate with opposing counsel(s). Once all parties have agreed upon a hearing date/time, you should confirm with the judicial assistant by email. PLEASE NOTE: YOUR HEARING DATE/TIME WILL NOT BE CALENDARED UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT ALL PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO THE SELECTED DATE/TIME **OR CERTIFICATION THAT AT LEAST THREE ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOOD FAITH WITHOUT RESPONSE.**

Parties must provide courtesy copies of motions, responses to motions, with memoranda and copies of case law to the Court in advance of the hearing. Courtesy copies should be provided by US Mail or other courier service at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing, with notification to opposing party that courtesy copies had been provided to the Court.

UNIFORM MOTION CALENDAR (UMC)

The Uniform Motion Calendar has been discontinued as of April 1, 2018 due to lack of volume. All hearings are to be special set.

FORECLOSURE AND OTHER NONJURY TRIALS:

To set a foreclosure case for non-jury trial, a Notice of Readiness for Non-Jury Trial should be filed and submitted to the court by US Mail. Postage paid envelopes properly addressed to all parties on the service list must be included with notice. The Judicial Assistant will set the case on the trial calendar and issue the Trial Order. NOTICES SENT BY EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Notice of Readiness for Non-Jury Trial should indicate whether the matter is contested or uncontested (all defendants have either defaulted, consented, or do not oppose entry of judgment). Contested trials will be scheduled for the amount of time requested by the parties, but not less than thirty (30) minutes, and a Pretrial Conference will be scheduled. No Pretrial Conference will be scheduled for uncontested trials.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Readiness for Non-Jury Trial, the Judicial Assistant will schedule the matter for trial and issue the Trial Order. If the scheduled trial date creates a conflict, the party should file the appropriate motion after conferring with opposing counsel and request a hearing date from the Judicial Assistant. The Judicial Assistant will not unilaterally reschedule a trial date.

For other civil, non-jury trials (excluding foreclosure trials), the party filing the Notice of Readiness for Non-Jury Trial should indicate the anticipated duration of the trial. A case management conference will be set for the purpose of specially setting the trial date. Non-jury trials will be conducted in the judge's hearing room, which has limited space for parties and exhibits. Please advise the court at the case management conference if a courtroom will be needed so that it can be taken into consideration in setting the trial date and necessary accommodations can be made.

UNCONTESTED FORECLOSURE TRIALS AND MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Uncontested trials and motions for summary judgment includes those matters in which all defendants have been defaulted, have consented to judgment, or are otherwise not contesting the entry of final judgment. These cases will be set for on the dates below. PLEASE NOTE THAT PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED IF A LAW FIRM HAS TWO OR MORE HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY. ANY TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE MUST BE APPROVED FOR THE MATTER TO BE HEARD ON THESE DAYS.

- January 22
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 2
- July 31
- September 4
- October 2
- October 30
- December 4

JURY TRIALS

To set a case for jury trial, a Notice of Readiness for Jury Trial should be filed and submitted to the court by US Mail. Postage paid envelopes properly addressed to all parties on the service list must be included with notice. The Judicial Assistant will set the case on the trial calendar and issue the Trial Order.

NOTE (updated Sept. 22, 2017): NOTICES SENT BY EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Any motions for Case Management Conference regarding the setting of a trial date should be filed, with a copy sent to the court, within seven (7) days of the filing of a Notice of Readiness for Jury Trial.

Beginning on January 1, 2018, Section B will have one trial week per month. The following are Section B trial weeks:

Jury Trial Week	PreTrial Conference	Calendar Call
01/08/18	12/04/17	01/05/18
02/05/18	01/03/18	02/02/18
03/05/18	01/29/18	03/02/18
04/30/18	03/26/18	04/27/18
06/04/18	04/23/18	06/01/18
07/09/18	06/11/18	07/06/18
08/13/18	07/16/18	08/10/18
09/11/18	08/06/18	09/07/18
10/08/18	09/04/18	10/05/18
11/05/18	10/01/18	11/02/18
12/10/18	11/13/18	12/07/18

2019 JURY TRIAL CALENDAR
(Revised October 8, 2018)

The following are Section B trial weeks for 2019. Each trial week is a one week trial docket. Please advise in the Notice of Readiness for Jury Trial if the trial is expected to be longer than five days (including voir dire). **A Case Management Conference will be set to schedule any trial expected to be longer than five days.**

Jury Trial Week	PreTrial Conference	Calendar Call
01/07/19 01/14/19	12/3/18	01/04/19
02/11/19	01/04/19	02/08/19
03/11/19	02/04/19	03/08/19
04/22/19	03/04/19	04/05/19
05/06/19	04/01/19	05/03/19
06/10/19	04/29/19	06/07/19
07/08/19	06/03/19	07/01/19
08/12/19	07/01/19	08/09/19
09/09/19	07/29/19	09/06/19
<u>10/07/19*</u>	<u>09/03/19</u>	<u>10/04/19</u>
<u>11/04/19</u>	<u>10/01/19</u>	<u>11/01/19</u>
12/09/19	<u>10/28/19</u>	12/06/19

* Four day trial week. Court is closed on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 for Yom Kippur.