

KENT COMPTON
County Judge



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Judicial Practice Preferences

Civil Court

1. COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ZOOM):

Non-Evidentiary proceedings scheduled for 30 minutes or less may be set via communication technology (ZOOM).

All other proceedings are to be scheduled in person.

2. TO SCHEDULE HEARINGS:

Please schedule all hearings in JAWS, "Section D/T-Judge Compton" calendar.

In-person hearings will occur at the Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, Florida 33523.

Hearings set for 15 minutes may be scheduled directly online. For hearings which require additional time, adjacent hearing time slots may be combined to create the amount of time required provided you first e-mail the JA to create the time slot prior to scheduling your hearing.

Once a 15 minute hearing is requested and approved in JAWS, the JA will e-mail a JAWS notification with the Zoom meeting ID and password participation code. This information should be included in the notice of hearing.

It is the moving party's responsibility to confirm that all counsel/associated parties are in the JAWS database to ensure all parties receive e-mails regarding the scheduling and cancelation of hearings.

3. EVIDENCE:

Any proposed evidence must be provided to the Court in a hard copy format at least 3 days prior to the scheduled hearing. The Court does not accept or print electronic filings for evidence.

4. SUBMITTING PROPOSED ORDERS:

Please submit proposed orders in "PDF", directed to Judge Compton, via the JAWS portal. It is important to make sure that all associated party e-mails are connected to the case in order for everyone to receive a conformed copy of the order. In the event you do not have a pro se litigant's e-mail, the conformed copy and attachments, such as the fact information sheet, need to be mailed and a follow up certificate of service should be filed through the e-portal.

5. MOTIONS DECIDED ON WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Motions that may be ruled on based on written submissions include, but are not limited to Motions to Strike, Motions to Compel, Motions to Dismiss, Motions to Take Judicial Notice, Motions to Stay, Motions to Reschedule Mortgage Foreclosure Sale, Motions for Continuance, and Motions for Disqualification. Motions for Summary Judgment may not be decided via the written submissions procedure. Please see Administrative Order 2020-012 and Administrative Order 2020-011 for sample forms as to correspondence, notice and a proposed order.

6. **ORDER SETTING JURY TRIAL AND PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE:**

See Administrative Order 2019-025 for detailed procedures.

7. **MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND TAX COSTS:**

Attorneys must send a copy of their Motion to Tax Costs and Award Attorney's Fees to the Judge's office. Once received, the Judge will electronically enter an Order Preliminary to hearing. Once the attorneys comply with the Preliminary Order and are ready for a special set hearing, the moving attorney must schedule this in JAWS. However, the Court will not enter its Order Preliminary unless there is a Final Judgment, Stipulation for Dismissal, etc., entered in the case. Fee affidavits are sufficient in lieu of expert testimony IF parties agree.

8. **MEDIATION:**

ALWAYS required before trial.

9. **COURTROOM DEMEANOR COMMENTS:**

- a. Objections- stand and state ground of objection. Do not argue objection unless asked to come to the bench.
- b. NEVER argue with opposing counsel.
- c. Direct all arguments to the Court.

10. **OTHER PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES:**

- a. If a case has SETTLED, please call or email my office to cancel any hearings or trials that may be scheduled.
- b. Email address is CoCivE2@jud6.org.

Criminal Court

1. **TO SCHEDULE MOTION HEARINGS:**

Please schedule all hearings in JAWS, "Section 14-Judge Compton" calendar.

All motion hearings are to be set in-person.

In-person hearings will occur at the Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, Florida 33523.

For motions which require a lengthy amount of time, please indicate within the description the amount of time needed.

It is the moving party's responsibility to confirm that all counsel/associated parties are in the JAWS database to ensure all parties receive e-mails regarding the scheduling and cancelation of hearings.

2. **SUBMITTING PROPOSED ORDERS:**

Please submit proposed orders in "PDF", directed to Judge Compton, via the JAWS portal. It is important to make sure that all associated party e-mails are connected to the case in order for everyone to receive a conformed copy of the order. In the event you do not have a pro se litigant's e-mail, the conformed copy and attachments, need to be mailed and a follow up certificate of service should be filed through the e-portal.

3. **COURTROOM DEMEANOR COMMENTS:**

- a. Objections- stand and state ground of objection. Do not argue objection unless asked to come to the bench.
- b. NEVER argue with opposing counsel.
- c. Direct all arguments to the Court.

4. All discovery will be completed by the Trial Calendar Call date. A motion for continuance of trial to complete discovery will be heard on or before the Trial Calendar Call date.
5. Absent exceptional circumstances, all motions for continuance of trial will be heard no later than the Trial Calendar Call date.
6. Prior to the Trial Calendar Call date, counsel for defense and State shall confirm that each witness will be available to testify on the date set for trial. ABSENT EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NON-APPEARANCE OF A WITNESS FOR TRIAL WILL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR A MOTION FOR CONTINUACNE MADE ON THE TRIAL DATE UNLESS THAT WITNESS WAS SUBPOENAED AND SERVED.
7. All motions in limine will be scheduled on the Trial Calendar Call date unless counsel for defense and counsel for state agree to hear such motion on some other date prior to the Trial Calendar Call. Such motions will be in writing and filed with the Clerk, with ADDITIONAL copies furnished to the Court and to opposing counsel no less that twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for hearing. Copies of supporting caselaw will also be furnished.
8. All other motions shall be filed and heard prior to the Trial Calendar Call date.
9. PRIOR TO THE TRIAL CALENDAR CALL DATE, COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE AND STATE WILL CONFER WITH EACH OTHER REGARDING ANY PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.
10. Jury Selection shall be limited to 30 minutes for each party.

COURTROOM TRIALS- REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a. To approach the bench.
- b. To approach the witness.

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