

HONORABLE PHILIP J. FEDERICO
JUDICIAL PRACTICE PREFERENCES CRIMINAL SECTION M
SectionM@jud6.org

Appearing on time is very much appreciated.

PRETRIAL & MOTIONS

Bond Hearings: If there is a victim, hearings need to be set minimum of one week out for notice.

Continuances: Pre-Trials can be reset without hearing if both sides agree and speedy trial has been waived.

Depositions Disputes: Certify.

Discovery Issues: By motion filed with the Clerk and hearing date must be agreed to by both parties.

Early Termination of Probation: Will be considered by motion if Defendant has completed at least one-half (½) of the probation time, and all costs and fees are paid in full.

Hearings/Adding a Hearing: Send an email to SectionM@jud6.org to get on the calendar, date must be coordinated/agreed to by all parties. Calendars close daily at 12:00 pm, any requests to add a hearing for the next day will not be considered, but will be added to the following work day, or to a later agreed upon date. Parties can also appear off-calendar.

Interpreters: Please see the Interpreters section under Trials, below.

Motions: If you file a motion just prior to a hearing, bring a copy to the hearing for the judge.

Plea Negotiations: Negotiations in advance or discussions at actual hearing are appropriate.

TRIALS

Continuances: Motion must be filed and set for hearing *prior* to trial date.

Computer & Technology Equipment: It is the responsibility of the Attorneys to contact the Court Technology Office (CTO) at (727) 453-7928 prior to trial for a testing/training session if presenting materials via a laptop or other device. Attorneys need to bring all their devices with them to the testing/training so CTO can test them with the courtroom presentation system.

Additionally, please remember any USB type drive needs to be scanned by CTO before being plugged into the court system.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in an unnecessary delay in trial.

Courtroom Etiquette: Never address opposing counsel or opposing party directly. Parties to address statements or comments to the Court. Professionalism and courtesy to opposing counsel and litigants is always appreciated.

Evidence Procedures: Exhibits to be pre-marked by the Clerk and shown to opposing counsel before counsel approaches a witness.

Interpreters: The attorneys are responsible for securing the interpreter. Requests for spoken language court interpreters must be received at least 7 days in advance of the scheduled proceeding. The Interpreter Request Form can be found at www.jud6.org, Interpreters.

Motions in Limine: To be heard on the morning of trial. Motions to Suppress, Child Hearsay or Williams Rule must be heard in advance of trial date.

Policy when Jury enters room: Appropriate to stand but not required.

Voir Dire Procedure Preference: As brief as reasonably possible.

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