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These Practice Preferences are evolving and will be updated shortly.

CONTACT

Preferred communication with the office is via email, Sectioni@jud6.org. Please always include the case number(s) in your email. The Judicial Assistant is not permitted to answer legal questions, give advice, or explain your situation to the Judge. Your opportunity to speak to the Judge happens in Court only.

MOTIONS & PRETRIALS

Bond Hearings: By Motion. If there is a victim, hearings needs to be set minimum of one week out for notice unless otherwise agreed to by the State.

Defendant's Presence: Defendants shall be present at all pretrial conferences unless properly waived pursuant to Rule 3.180. Any waiver filed by the defendant must be date specific.

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: Hearing dates must be coordinated and agreed to by all parties. Send an email to Sectioni@jud6.org to get on the calendar. 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. Please provide a copy of your motion to the Court when requesting hearing time.

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

Remote Appearances: Send an email request to Sectioni@jud6.org at minimum one week prior to the hearing.

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: Do not address opposing counsel or opposing party directly, parties are 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: Attorneys are responsible for securing the interpreter for their client. Requests for spoken language court interpreters must be received at least 7 days in advance of the scheduled proceeding, but the earlier the better, especially if the language is more exotic. The Interpreter Request Form can be found at www.jud6.org, Interpreters.

Motions in Limine: Email the judge's office who will determine if a hearing needs to be set earlier than 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.