
JUDGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Q1 Please enter your name.

Name: **James Power**

ATTORNEY CONTACT

Q2 **Email**
Generally, how do you prefer attorney contact?

Q3 **Email**
How do you prefer to receive briefs?

Q4 **No**
Would you like to receive copies of pleadings and affidavits related to a brief or motion?

Q5 **Odyssey file and serve**
How do you prefer to receive proposed orders?

CIVIL SCHEDULING & PRACTICE

Q6
What is the preferred method for setting a civil motions hearing, other than in open court?

Contact Court Administration and attorney may schedule with notice to other attorney

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Other:

This assumes the hearing is less than 1/2 day and a motion has been filed.

Circuit Judge's Preference Guide

Q7

No

Do you want courtesy copies of the main statutes or cases relied upon in briefs or motions?

Q8

Court via email

Who should be contacted to request/schedule a telephonic appearance?

Q9

Yes

Do you require a motion or want some form of notice if the parties have stipulated to an extension of a deadline in a scheduling order?

Q10

Yes,

Should stipulations between counsel on evidentiary issues and/or legal issues be submitted to you in writing?

Please explain:

Having a record of any stipulation helps resolve subsequent disputes.

Q11

Other::

What is the preferred method for scheduling a civil jury trial?

A pre-trial or scheduling hearing is needed to schedule any hearing lasting more than a half-day. The first question at the hearing will be whether discovery is complete. If not, the parties must wait until discovery is complete to get a trial date.

Q12

Yes,

Do you require pretrial conferences and what agenda do you have for pretrial conferences?

If yes, what is your agenda?:

First question is whether discovery is complete. If not, the parties must wait to get a trial date until they agree discovery is complete except for final supplementation.

Other questions are identifying the issues for trial and the number of trial days needed.

Q13

No

Do you have a standard pretrial order?

Q14

No

Do you have any requirements for court trials that are different from your jury trial expectations?

Q15

How do you conduct voir dire?

The jury manager provides counsel with a numbered list of potential jurors. The bailiff will seat the number of jurors who must be passed for cause on the right side pews (viewed from the bench), starting with the lowest numbered juror seated next to the wall in the pew closest to counsel tables.

Q16

No

Do you require a pretrial brief?

Q17

No

Do you require pretrial findings of fact and conclusions of law in a court trial?

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like attorneys to know about how you conduct civil matters?

CRIMINAL SCHEDULING & PRACTICE

Q19

What is the preferred method for setting a criminal motions hearing, other than in open court?

Contact Court Administration and attorney may schedule with notice to other attorney

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Other:

Assumes a motion has been filed and the hearing will be a half-day or less.

Q20

What is the preferred method for seeking a reset of a routine criminal court appearance?

Contact State's Attorney and reset by agreement of counsel

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Other::

If opposing counsel has not agreed to a reset, then send an email CC'ing opposing counsel to the Court.

Q21

Yes

When a suppression motion is filed, do you require or request a pre-evidentiary brief to lay out the issues to be argued?

Q22

No

Do you have any standard sentences or sentencing policies of which attorneys should be aware?

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

If answer to previous question is yes, please provide examples. (e.g., no suspended imps in certain situations, fine paid in full on day of sentencing, etc)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything else you would like attorneys to know about how you conduct criminal matters?

COURTROOM PROTOCOL

Q25

Does the Court prefer that lawyers:

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|---|------------|
| a. Stand when addressing the court | No |
| b. Ask permission to approach an adverse witness | Yes |
| c. Ask permission to approach their own witness | No |
| d. Ask permission before moving about the well of the courtroom | No |
| e. Ask permission to publish an admitted exhibit to the jury | Yes |
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Q26

Yes

Do you allow lawyers to have cell phones in your courtroom?

Q27

No

Do you mind if lawyers check email, etc while waiting in the gallery for their case to be called?

Q28

Is there anything else you would like attorneys to know about your preferred courtroom protocol?

If the courthouse ever adopts a blanket policy banning use of cell phones in the gallery, I would expect attorneys to comply.

DOMESTIC CASES

Q29

Are there any special issues that arise in your courtroom in domestic cases that you would like the Bar to be aware of?

No.

Q30

No

Do you have a standard pretrial order?

Q31

Do you require:

Pre-trial conference **Yes**

Pre-trial mediation **No**

Asset/Debt spreadsheet (if so, please provide a copy of the required form) **Yes**

Pre-trial brief **No**

Pre-trial submission of proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law **No**

Q32

If the parties stipulate to temporary or final matters, how do you prefer attorneys proceed?

File any stipulations and file proposed order based on stipulation as a proposed document.

Q33

Is there anything else you would like attorneys to know about how you conduct domestic cases?

Ex parte motions are very rarely granted.

COURTHOUSE

Q34

Does your courtroom/courthouse have any of the following: (please list all applicable counties)

Separate tables for counsel **yes**

Accessibility for attorneys, parties and witnesses who use wheelchairs **yes**

Podium **yes**

Microphone system **yes**

Photocopier **no**

Free internet access or law library for visiting lawyers **internet access is free**

Screen for video presentation **there is a TV cart that has a laptop that can connect to a TV screen**

Computer or television for video presentations **there is a TV cart that has a laptop that can connect to a TV screen**

Q35

Respondent skipped this question

Is there anything not previously addressed that you would like attorneys practicing in your court to know?
