

Judge Contact Information

1. Please enter your name and contact information.

Name: - Patricia DeVaney

Email Address: -

Phone Number: -

Attorney Contact

2. Generally, how do you prefer attorney contact?

Email

3. How do you prefer to receive briefs?

Email

4. Would you like to receive copies of pleadings and affidavits related to a brief or motion?

Yes, via email with hard copy also sent via U.S. Mail

5. How do you prefer to receive proposed orders?

Email

Civil Scheduling and Practice

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

Email court reporter with cc: to other attorneys of record

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

No

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

Court via email

9. 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?

Yes

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

Yes

Depending on the type of issue

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

Attorney conference call with court

Counsel should confer prior to the call to attempt to agree upon dates, length of trial, and the necessity and timeframe for pretrial motion hearings

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

Yes

Depends on the type of case, but generally, motions in limine, evidentiary objections or anticipated issues, jury selection, preliminary settling of jury instructions

13. Do you have a standard pretrial order?

Yes

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

Yes

Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, copies of exhibits to be offered

15. How do you conduct voir dire?

The Clerk is instructed to predraw the jury panel, and then we seat the number of jurors (12) plus alternates and the number of total peremptory strikes. I allow counsel to conduct the majority of voir dire, but may follow up with statutory qualifications or any other issues that counsel may have missed. Once the panel is passed for cause by both sides, then the list is passed back and forth until all peremptory strikes are exercised.

16. Do you require a pretrial brief?

Yes

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

Yes

Depends on the type of case

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

No Response

Criminal Scheduling and Practice

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

Email court reporter with cc: to other attorneys of record

Routine motions may be scheduled with the Clerk of Courts, but lengthy contested hearings and evidentiary hearings should be scheduled with the court reporter

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

Email Court directly with cc: to other attorneys of record

Initial appearances or arraignments may be rescheduled with the Clerk of Courts if there have been no prior continuances, unless there is a 180 day issue.

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

Yes

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

No

23. 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)

No Response

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

Courtroom Protocol

25. Does the Court prefer that lawyers:

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

Comments:

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

Yes

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

No

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

No Response

Domestic Cases

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

If you anticipate the need for courtroom security, advise before the hearing/trial so that it can be arranged.

30. Do you have a standard pretrial order?

Yes

31. Do you require:

	Yes	No
Pre-trial conference	X	
Pre-trial mediation	X	
Asset/Debt spreadsheet (if so, please provide a copy of the required form)	X	
Pre-trial brief	X	
Pre-trial submission of proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	X	

Comments:

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

Indicate such in the pretrial brief or conference.

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

No Response

Courthouse

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

No Response

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

No Response