

## Judge Contact Information

### 1. Please enter your name and contact information.

Name: - Jerome Eckrich

Email Address: -

Phone Number: -

## Attorney Contact

### 2. Generally, how do you prefer attorney contact?

U.S. Mail

### 3. How do you prefer to receive briefs?

U.S. Mail

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

Yes, via U.S. Mail

### 5. How do you prefer to receive proposed orders?

U.S. Mail

## Civil Scheduling and Practice

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

Attorney conference call with Clerk of Courts and all attorneys must agree to date

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

Yes

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

Clerk of Courts

### 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

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

Attorney conference call with court

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

Yes

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**13. Do you have a standard pretrial order?**

Yes

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

Yes

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**15. How do you conduct voir dire?**

Standard practice

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**16. Do you require a pretrial brief?**

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

No

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But will accept

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

No jury trial without a pretrial conference

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## Criminal Scheduling and Practice

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

Attorney conference call with Court

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

No

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

Yes

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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 suspended imps considered without a PSI

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

**No Response**

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## 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	

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*Comments:*

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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?

Please be discreet You set the example for pro se litigants and spectators. If you demonstrate respect for judicial proceedings the chances are greater that those observing you will too.

## 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?

Necessity for a stipulated joint property/debt exhibit

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?

Put it in writing

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

No trial without a pretrial

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## **Courthouse**

**34. 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 - On occasion

Free internet access or law library for visiting lawyers - No

Screen for video presentation - Yes

Computer or television for video presentations - In Courtroom3 only

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

Submit a cover letter with any document presented to the Court which clearly summarizes it's purpose and the the attorney's request for action