

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ORDER - CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING JURY TRIALS

Effective January 2, 2023, the Court will implement a new policy regarding the number of jury trials scheduled each week. The schedule is as follows:

1. The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a Monday trial date. The Court will hear two criminal and one civil jury case each Monday.
2. The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a Tuesday or Wednesday trial date. The Court will hear one criminal and two civil jury cases each Tuesday and Wednesday.
3. There may currently be multiple civil jury cases scheduled for each day. The process for determining which civil jury case will be heard is as follows. The oldest case, based on filing date, shall have priority to be heard. Counsel for the oldest case shall be contacted 30 days prior to trial to determine whether it is ready to be heard. If the case is not ready, counsel for the next oldest case shall be contacted, and so forth, until a jury is scheduled. Once a jury case is set, counsel for the remaining scheduled jury cases shall be contacted and informed of their position on the docket. Counsel can then either continue the case to a new trial date or leave the case on the docket in the event the scheduled case is resolved or continued.
4. The above procedures do not apply to non-jury criminal and civil cases. Any non-jury criminal or civil case shall be heard on its scheduled trial date.
5. Further orders may be posted as the schedule is determined by the Court.

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Jamy C. Lewis

CHIEF JUDGE