



Judge Celeste D. Bell Policies & Procedures

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Judicial Procedures and Practice

MOTIONS:

MONDAYS

9:00 a.m.	Sentencings
2:00 p.m.	Civil Motions
3:00 p.m.	Criminal Motions/Pleas

WEDNESDAYS

1:30 p.m.	Probation Violation Hearings, Sentencings, & Show Cause Hearings
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Judge's copies: A judge's copy delivered directly to the judge's office is required in **ALL** motions in accordance with MCR 2.119(A)(2)(d). Due to COVID-19, this Court requires judge's copies of all filings also be emailed to **brocheleau@co.genesee.mi.us**. If the filing is greater than 30 pages long, a judge's copy must also be mailed directly to Judge Bell's Office. Failure to respond to a motion and/or provide a judge's copy directly to the judge's office may result in delay or waiver of oral argument

CIVIL CASES:

All motions, including summary disposition motions, are scheduled on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. You must obtain a date from the judicial office for summary disposition motions. The Court may reschedule motions due to the court's docket if a date is not obtained in advance from the office. Ordinarily, no more than four summary disposition motions will be scheduled for a given day.

All motions are adjourned by calling the Judge's office. Notice prior to the hearing date would be appreciated. Only the moving party can adjourn their motion. Motions may be adjourned up to three times without being re-noticed by the moving party.

A pre-trial scheduling order will be mailed to your office by this Court. The order will also contain additional information related to jury instructions, motions in limine, and trial practice. Case Evaluation, Discovery, Motion Cut Off and Trial dates may be adjourned by stipulation once. Thereafter, a motion must be filed.

CRIMINAL CASES:

CRIMINAL PRE-TRIALS/STATUS CONFERENCES: The Court will mail notices for pre-trial and status conferences. The notice will state whether the conference is in person or via video conference. Status conferences may be attended by counsel only. Pre-trial conferences require the attendance of counsel and the defendant. Any pleas may be placed on the record at that time. Otherwise, if your case has a resolution, please contact Judge Bell's office to schedule a date for a plea. No plea will be accepted after a plea cut-off date without good cause shown.

MOTIONS: Motions and responses must be made in writing. Consistent with MCR 2.119(A)(2)(d), Judge's copies are required on ALL motions and shall be provided to the law clerk upon filing. Failure to do so may result in delay, waiver of oral arguments, or assessment of fees. In lieu of hard copies, Judges copies may be emailed to the law clerk at brocheleau@co.genesee.mi.us. Oral argument will be deemed waived if no opposition to a motion is filed.

TRIALS: This Court will issue a trial scheduling order once a trial date is set. The order will contain detailed instructions regarding jury instructions, motions in limine, and trial practice. All motions in limine must be heard in advance of the trial. Failure to submit a motion on foreseeable issues may result in waiver of the issue.

SENTENCINGS: Are scheduled for Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENTS OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: Prior to requesting the Court for an adjournment, approval must be sought from the opposing party. You may reach the criminal division of the Genesee County Prosecutor at (810) 257-3232.

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