



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

TUESDAYS

1:00 p.m.	Probation Violation Hearings, Sentencings, & Show Cause Hearings
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JUDGE'S COPIES: Judge's copies of all filings shall be submitted directly to the Judge's office in accordance with MCR 2.119(A)(2)(d). If 30 pages or less, including exhibits, in lieu of hard copies the Judge's copy may be emailed to syounglove@geneseecountymi.gov.

CIVIL CASES:

All motions, including summary disposition motions, are heard 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 three 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 its own motion. The non-moving party must seek the approval of the moving party to adjourn a motion.

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-TRIAL/STATUS CONFERENCES: This Court will mail a notice with the 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. A plea may be placed on the record during the conference. If your case has a resolution prior to the scheduled conference, you may contact Judge Bell's office to schedule a date for a plea.

MOTIONS: Motions and responses must be made in writing. Consistent with MCR 2.119(A)(2)(d), Judge's copies are required to be delivered to the Judge's office on all motions. (See above, Judge's Copies). If 30 pages or less, including exhibits, in lieu of hard copies the Judge's copy may be emailed to syounglove@geneseecountymi.gov. Oral argument may be deemed waived if no opposition is filed.

TRIALS: A Trial Scheduling Order will be issued by this Court once it is apparent that no resolution is likely. The order will contain detailed instructions related to the trial, final pre-trial, jury instructions, motions, and trial practice. All motions in limine must be heard in advance of the trial date. Failure to submit a motion on foreseeable issues may result in waiver of the issue.

SENTENCINGS: Sentencings are scheduled for Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENTS OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: For motions filed by a party, only the moving party may withdraw or seek an adjournment of the motion from the Court. Prior to requesting an adjournment of court-scheduled matters, approval must be sought from the opposing party. You may reach the criminal division of the Office of the Genesee County Prosecutor at 810.257.3232.