

Criminal District Court 2 General Policies

Court Settings

All defendants must be present at the first court setting and any dispositive setting. On un-enhanced state jail and 3rd degree non-violent felony offenses, all other appearances of the defendant are waived. In all other cases, the defendant's appearance will be waived *only with permission of the court*.

Passes

After 120 days have elapsed from the date of the first court appearance, all original cases must be set for a disposition. Any case not set for disposition by that date will be set for status conference with the court and the defendant is required to appear.

Revocation cases should be set for disposition no later than 30 days from the date the motion is filed. For defendants at-large, the time period begins upon arrest and service of the motion.

Only attorneys are allowed to pass cases and present motions to the Court.

Pleas

If the Court is unavailable, agreed pleas may be taken to the magistrate or heard by any other willing district court judge. All petitions for occupational license and expunction are heard by the magistrate.

The Court will accept pleas on the day of trial.

Jury Trials

All jury trial dates are set with the Judge. Jury trials are set on Monday. All parties must appear on Monday to announce ready or not ready. Voir dire and trial will proceed on Tuesday. Permission to approach a witness must only be asked once.

Pretrial hearings will be set the Friday, ten days before the jury trial setting. Defendant must be present at the pretrial hearing. Parties must conference with each other regarding all pretrial motions. No cases set for jury trial will be reset without a written, verified motion for continuance presented to the Court prior to the trial date.

The Court will determine the order of all trials in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure and the standing orders of the District Court Judges.

Media

Court has a standing Court order regarding media access to Courtroom that permits a pool camera in the vestibule and a microphone on the witness stand.

All policies may be modified by the Court in the interest of justice.