

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

In re: CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING CIVIL JURY TRIALS

Order – Civil Jury Trials for the Months of November and December

Whereas the Court has endeavored to institute a docket schedule to include jury trials each week and having concluded that scheduling four jury trials each week is the maximum number of juries that can be managed due to judicial staffing and facility limitations, the Court enters this Order to advise court users of the operations of this Court as to civil jury trials for the months of November and December 2021.

1. The following shall apply to all civil jury cases with a Monday or Tuesday trial date for the months of November and December 2021: Due to constitutional requirements, criminal jury trials shall take priority. Mondays and Tuesdays have been set aside for criminal jury trials.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the Court will not be able to hear civil jury cases with a Monday or Tuesday trial date and such case must be rescheduled to a new trial date by counsel unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
2. The following shall apply to all civil jury cases with a Wednesday trial date in the months of November and December 2021: The Court can hear one (1) civil jury case on each Wednesday. The oldest case, based on filing date, shall have priority, and will have the opportunity to be heard. The clerk's office shall contact counsel for the oldest case by phone first to determine its status and to inquire whether the trial date is desired. If the case is a "go" for a jury trial, then that case will be the case heard and the Court shall issue an Order of such fact to counsel of record. The Court will issue a continuance order if the case is not in line to be heard.
3. The above operations do not apply to non-jury civil cases. Any non-jury civil case shall be heard on its scheduled trial date.
4. Further orders will be posted as the schedule is determined by the Court.

ENTER: 9/29/21

  
CHIEF JUDGE

<sup>1</sup> 2 criminal jury trials on Monday and 1 criminal jury trial on Tuesday.