

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


In re: CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING CIVIL JURY TRIALS

Order-Civil Jury Trials

The Court enters this Order to advise court users of the operations of this Court. Civil jury trials are to resume June 1, 2021 under the following order:

1. The following shall apply to all civil jury cases with a Monday trial date for the remaining months of 2021: Due to scheduling priorities, the Court will not be able to hear civil jury cases with a Monday trial or start date and such case must be rescheduled to a new trial date by counsel. All criminal jury trials have been scheduled to begin on Mondays for the remaining months of 2021. Due to constitutional requirements, criminal jury trials shall take priority.
2. The following shall apply to all civil jury cases with a Tuesday trial date for the months of June and July 2021: The Court will hear one (1) civil jury case starting on each Tuesday to be heard until the trial is finished beginning June 1, 2021. The oldest case before the Court, based on filing date, shall have priority, and will have the opportunity to be heard first. 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 that Tuesday. If the case has been resolved or the trial date is declined, the clerk's office will then call the next oldest case. The cases shall be scheduled in this order until further order of the Court. The Court will issue a continuance order for any jury case scheduled for Tuesday in June and July 2021 if that case is not in line for the oldest case to be heard.
3. The following shall apply to all civil jury cases with a Wednesday trial date for the months of June and July 2021: Due to scheduling priorities, the Court will not be able to hear civil jury trials set to start on Wednesdays. Those civil jury cases are continued on the Court's motion and must be rescheduled to a new trial date by counsel.
4. The above operations do not apply to non-jury civil cases. Any non-jury civil case shall be heard on its scheduled trial date.
5. Further orders will be posted as the schedule is determined by the Court.

ENTER: May 13, 2021



CHIEF JUDGE LESLIE L. LILLEY