

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

ORDER - JURY TRIALS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 2022

As the Court continues to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has decided to resume hearing five jury trials each week for the months of March and April 2022—three criminal and two civil.

The Court enters this Order to advise court users of the operations of this Court as to criminal and civil jury trials for the months of March and April 2022.

1. The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a Monday trial date for the months of March and April 2022. The Court will hear two criminal jury cases each Monday. All civil jury cases with a Monday trial date are continued. A new trial date shall be set by counsel unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
2. The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a Tuesday or Wednesday trial date in the months of March and April 2022. The Court will hear one criminal and one civil jury case each Tuesday and one civil jury case each Wednesday.

There may currently be multiple civil jury cases scheduled for each day. The process for determining which case will be heard is as follows. The oldest case, based on filing date, shall have priority to be heard. The clerk's office shall contact counsel for the oldest case, by phone, 30 days prior to trial to determine whether it is ready to be heard. If the case is not ready, the clerk's office shall contact the next oldest case, and so forth, until a civil jury is scheduled. Once a civil jury case is set, the clerk's office shall then contact counsel for the remaining scheduled civil jury cases and inform them of their position on the docket. Counsel can then either continue the case to a new trial date or leave the case on the docket in the event the scheduled case is settled or continued.

3. The above procedures do not apply to non-jury criminal and civil cases. Any non-jury criminal or 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: 2/8/22


CHIEF JUDGE