

HONORABLE KENT COMPTON

Judicial Practice Preferences Civil Court

1. DEPOSTION DISPUTES:

NEED SCHEDULED HEARING

2. UNIFORM MOTION CALENDAR:

NOT USED

3. UNIFORM MOTION CALENDAR PREFERENCE:

NOT USED

4. TELEPHONIC HEARINGS:

- a. MUST be forth in the notice of hearing.
- b. An attorney may attend in person
- c. Evidentiary matters WILL be considered.
- d. The party filing the notice shall be responsible for getting each participant on line BEFORE calling the Judge.
- e. Does NOT allow telephonic hearings of small claims pre-trials

5. PROPOSED ORDERS:

- a. Can forward to the court and copy opposing counsel for any objections within 5-7 days.

6. DISCOVERY CUT-OFF:

- a. Case by case basis

7. PRETRIAL STATEMENTS:

- a. No particular form required, so long as statement of facts, intended evidence and expected witnesses are listed.

8. MOTION IN LIMINE:

- a. To be scheduled as a separate hearing.

9. TRAIL SCHEDULING:

- a. Yes, WILL protect counsel until given date.
- b. Yes, allow 2 trials in one week.

10. VOIR DIRE FORMAT:

- a. Entire panel questioned in the gallery.

11. VOIR DIRE:

- a. Judge Compton may initiate voir dire questions to be followed by counsel.

12. PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES:

- a. Generally 3 per party with total of Plaintiff to match total of Defense.

13. RESPONSE FROM COUNSEL WHEN BAILIFF BRINGS JURY IN:

- a. No preference.

14. COURTROOM TRIALS- REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a. To approach the bench.
- b. To approach the witness.

15. ATTORNEY FEES:

- a. All issues regarding attorney's fees shall be left for subsequent hearing.
- b. Fee affidavits are sufficient in lieu of expert testimony IF parties agree.

16. MARKING EVIDENCE TO BE USED AT TRIAL:

- a. Prefers ALL evidence to be copied and exchanged 10 days prior to trial.

SHOWING TANGIBLE EVIDENCE TO THE COURT:

- a. If Judge Compton requests exhibit, counsel may hand it over directly. After showing opposing counsel, attorney may show exhibit to witness without showing Judge first.

17. MEDIATION:

- a. ALWAYS required before trial.

18. COURTROOM DEMEANOR COMMENTS:

- a. Objections- stand and state ground of objection. Do not argue objection unless asked to come to the bench.
- b. NEVER argue with opposing counsel.
- c. Direct all arguments to the Court.

19. OTHER PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE POINTERS:

- a. If a case has SETTLED, please call my office to cancel any hearings or trials that may be scheduled.
- b. After you have obtained hearing time, please call back to set on my calendar. Don't just send in a notice.