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COUNTY CRIMINAL SECTION 16 & CIVIL TRAFFIC SECTION 25

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INSTRUCTIONS AND JUDICIAL PRACTICE PREFERENCES

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HELP FOR PARTIES WITHOUT ATTORNEYS:

The judicial assistant cannot answer your legal questions. Under Florida law she could be prosecuted for a first degree misdemeanor, unlicensed practice of law, were she/he to give you legal advice. Please do not ask her/him to answer legal questions.

The judge can only visit with you about your case in the courtroom in the presence of all the parties involved with the case. Please do not call the judge and expect to have a conversation with him or attempt to relay a message to him through the judicial assistant. If you want to bring a matter to the court's attention, put it in writing and file it with the Clerk of the Court under the case number you are calling about. Be sure to send a copy of the information to the opposing party.

TO SCHEDULE HEARINGS:

Please contact our office, 727-815-7057, to schedule all hearings.

PRE-TRIAL

PLEA NEGOTIATIONS:

Prefers active involvement in plea negotiation process.

May become involved in designating additional conditions or making a separate plea offer.

CONTINUANCES:

Clear with opposing counsel, Judicial Assistant will remove and reset hearings. Trial continuances must be the subject of a motion and scheduled hearing.

DISCOVERY ISSUES:

When discovery disputes occur, counsel must confer and make a good faith attempt to resolve them without a hearing. If a hearing must be held, it should be timely scheduled in order to avoid potential trial delay.

DEPOSITIONS DISPUTES:

In every instance, certify the question and schedule a hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEM RESOLUTION:

Will not discuss any aspect of the case unless both counsel are present.

TRIAL

NO SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS WILL BE HEARD DAY OF TRIAL, UNLESS WITH PRIOR COURT APPROVAL

MOTIONS IN LIMINE:

1. Before trial at a scheduled hearing.
2. Left to the attorney to decide
3. Heard the morning of trial.

CONTINUANCES:

Trial continuances must be the subject of a motion and scheduled hearing prior to the day of trial.

COURTROOM ETIQUETTE:

Counsel should request permission to approach the bench or the witness.

When the jury enters or exits the courtroom, counsel and the defendant should remain seated.

Attorneys should address their arguments and comments to the Court, not to each other.

VOIR DIRE PROCEDURE PREFERENCE:

Prefer attorneys inquire of the entire panel. Seating chart with juror's names will be provided.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- NO speaking objections. Counsel should only state legal basis for any objection.
- Defendants must be present at Pre-Trials, unless previously excused by the Court. Phone call to judge's office for waiver is acceptable.
- Defendants **MUST** be present at all motions to set aside capias or Bench Warrants for Failure to Appear.
- Copies of all substantive motions should be provided to the judge at least one week prior to the hearing in order that the Court may be familiar with the issues.