

# ***BELL COUNTY MISDEMEANOR COURT COORDINATOR***

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**TO:** County Attorney's Office, Practicing Attorneys and Bail Bond Companies

**RE:** Local Rules of County Courts at Law #2 and #3 Docket, Bell County, Texas

**EFFECTIVE:** June 17, 2009

## **ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES**

Check cases will have the prefix of CC. All other misdemeanor criminal cases will be designated as 2C.

## **NEGOTIATED PLEAS**

Pleas will be set Monday through Friday of each week. Both courts will be available to hear pleas. Jail pleas will be heard at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Court #3 and Friday in Court #2.

## **OPEN PLEAS**

Both courts will hear open pleas at 1:30 p.m. each Wednesday. A special setting and PSI requests must be submitted four weeks in advance of the plea date.

## **TRIALS BEFORE THE COURT**

A docket call for all non-jury trials will be at 10:00 a.m. in Court #2 on the Tuesday before the trial is set and the defense attorneys must be present. Non-jury trials will be heard on Thursday and Friday at 1:30 p.m.

## **JURY TRIALS**

A docket call for all jury trials will be at 1:30 p.m. in Court #2 on the Wednesday preceding the trial date. The defendant and the attorney must appear at the docket call.

## **SENTENCING AND CONTESTED REVOCATIONS**

Sentencing and contested revocations will be set in both courts on Wednesday afternoons.

## **PRE-TRIALS**

Pre-Trials will be on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. Pre-Trial motions resulting from a special hearing request will be heard in both courts on Wednesdays.

## **NISI**

The following schedule will be used in issuing a NISI and a warrant for the arrest of defendants that fail to appear in a timely manner.

### **Docket**

8:30 AM Docket Call  
9:00 AM Plea  
1:15 PM Announcement & Pre-Trial  
1:30 PM Jury Trial Docket Call  
Special Hearing/Sentencing

### **NISI and Warrants will issue:**

10:00 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> succeeding workday)  
10:00 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> succeeding workday)  
5:00 PM (same day)  
2:00 PM (same day)  
Immediately