

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: February 1, 2007

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 11:00 a.m. in Court #2 on the Friday 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
11:00 AM Jury Trial Docket Call
Special Hearing/Sentencing

NISI and Warrants will issue:

10:00 AM (2nd succeeding workday)
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5:00 PM (same day)
11:30 AM (same day)
Immediately