

Procedures for setting Circuit Civil Trials in Brevard County

Notice for Trial:

1. Include Joanna Linkous, Joanna.linkous@flcourts18.org, on the E-Service list when filing the Notice on the E-Filing Portal
2. Cases reviewed within thirty (30) days of filing Notice
3. The Notice for Trial shall contain the number of days needed for the entire case to be presented (that includes jury selection, opening, presentation of plaintiff and defense cases, closing and jury deliberation). If opposing counsel believes that more time is needed, they shall immediately file a response to the Notice for Trial.

Jury trials:

1. Parties will receive a letter with available trial dockets and a blank Stipulated Order Setting Cut-Off Dates, Mediation, and Trial Date
2. Parties must return the completed and signed Stipulation to Joanna Linkous at Joanna.linkous@flcourts18.org
3. If the parties are unable to come to an agreement or the Stipulation is not received by the deadline, case is set for a Scheduling Conference; or dates determined by the Court depending on the judge assignment

Non-jury trials:

1. Set on the next available trial docket
2. Non-jury trials requesting more than four (4) hours require an Order of Referral for Mediation

Order of Trials:

1. Entered approximately six (6) weeks prior to the trial docket
2. Will notify how the cases are called up and contact information needed prior to trial docket

Pre-Trial Conferences:

1. Not routinely held
2. Contact the Judicial Assistant of the assigned judge to request a hearing if the parties require a Pre-Trial Conference
3. Pre-Trial Stipulations are required
4. Judge Rainwater sets Pre-Trial Conferences on cases that require five (5) or more days of trial time

For more information on trial procedures please review the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure at the following link, <https://www.floridabar.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Civil-Procedure-Rules-Updated-8-4-2017.pdf>

For assistance with the setting of Civil Trials in Brevard County, please contact:
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