

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 2000-15

IN RE: JURY CALENDAR FOR CRIMINAL CASES

As per **Internal Operating Procedure 2000-3**, the District Attorney is designated as “calendar clerk” for all criminal matters and shall comply with all notice provisions of Uniform Superior Court Rule 32.1. The following guidelines are hereby approved:

1. The District Attorney shall prepare a jury trial calendar to include all active cases assigned to the presiding judge. The calendar will be presented to the presiding judge for approval.
2. The cases will be tried in the order they are listed on the trial calendar unless a continuance is **granted** by the Court (Uniform Superior Court Rule 32.2)subject to the following **exceptions as determined by the trial judge pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 17-8-1**:
 - a. Criminal cases in which a statutory “Demand for Speedy Trial” has been filed. O.C.G.A. § 17-7-170.
 - b. Criminal cases in which the defendant is currently incarcerated in the county jail.
 - c. Felony cases shall be tried before misdemeanor cases.
 - d. Felony cases in which the defendant is charged with Murder or Felony Murder, Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, Rape, Aggravated Child Molestation, Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Sexual Battery or Vehicular Homicide shall be given priority over other felony cases and all misdemeanor cases.
 - e. Misdemeanor cases in which the defendant is charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs and Family Violence offenses shall be tried before other misdemeanor cases.
3. Motions that are required to be heard prior to trial, shall be scheduled at a date and time as agreed to by the District Attorney’s office or by Rule Nisi signed by the Judge.

4. Attorneys are mailed only the page(s) of the calendar on which they are listed as attorney of record.
5. It is mandatory for all defendants to appear at Calendar Call **unless they are represented by an attorney**. Attorneys may announce for their clients at calendar call.
6. All defendants who are not required to report the first day of jury trials shall be given overnight notice of their time for appearance.

So ORDERED, this _____ day of March, 2000.

Brenda S. Weaver, Chief Judge
Superior Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

Ronald J. Armstrong, Judge
Superior Courts
Appalachian Judicial Circuit