

# Judge Joseph J. Farah

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## **MONDAY MATTERS:**

8:30	Criminal Pretrials
10:00	Civil Motions and Civil Show Causes
10:00	Summary Disposition Motions (dates to be confirmed by court)
10:00	Oral Arguments on Appeal (civil matters)
1:30	Criminal Arraignments and Pleas
3:00	Criminal Motions, Pretrials, Sentencings
4:00	Motions Regarding Personal Protection Orders
4:00	Driver's License Restoration Motions

## **MOTIONS**

**See LCR 2.119.**

**Adjournment of Motions:** The responding party must contact the moving party when seeking an adjournment as only the moving party may adjourn motions. The Court allows three adjournments; thereafter, the motion must be re-noticed with filing fee. Motions may not be adjourned without date.

**Motions for Summary Disposition:** All dates for dispositive motions (including adjourned dates) must be approved by the judge's staff prior to filing the motion or re-notice of hearing. Counsel should contact our office well in advance of the cutoff date inasmuch as dispositive motions are capped at four motions per day. Responses are due Wednesday prior to the motion.

**Motions for Reconsideration** are to be filed without a hearing date and no filing fee is required. The Court will determine whether a response is required and whether oral argument will be heard.

**Motions in Limine** must be filed and heard no later than Monday prior to trial.

## CIVIL MATTERS

**Scheduling Orders** are generated by Judge Farah's office after the filing of the answers to complaint and are strictly enforced by Judge Farah. Scheduling Orders often include referrals to facilitative mediation and case evaluation. For purposes of amending a Scheduling Order, this form may be downloaded from this website.

**Mandatory Settlement Conferences** are held on Tuesday mornings. All counsel, parties, and those with authority to settle must appear. Final witness lists are to be exchanged and exhibits marked at the settlement conference.

**Trials** are scheduled to begin Wednesday through Friday. Exhibits must be exchanged and marked by counsel, and the requested voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form must be provided to the law clerk **no later than Monday prior to trial**. All motions, motions in limine, and disputes concerning voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form **must be heard no later than Monday prior to trial**. Counsel should clear their schedule so that the trial may continue uninterrupted until completed. Trials in Judge Farah's court generally are held all day Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and may continue on Tuesday mornings.

## CRIMINAL MATTERS

**Arraignments** are held in the courtroom and motion cutoff, pretrial and trial dates are scheduled at that time.

**Mandatory Pretrial Questionnaire Forms** are to be filed following the settlement conference of defense counsel and the assigned prosecutor and prior to the pretrial. These forms may be downloaded from this website.

**Pretrials** are held in the courtroom and Defendants are required to appear. Any pleas may be placed on the record at that time.

**Trials** are scheduled to begin Wednesday through Friday. Exhibits must be exchanged and marked by counsel, and the requested voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form must be provided to the law clerk **no later than Monday prior to trial**. All motions, motions in limine, and disputes concerning voir dire, jury instructions and verdict form **must be heard no later than Monday prior to trial**. Counsel should clear their schedule so that the trial may continue uninterrupted until completed. Trials in Judge Farah's court generally are held all day Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and may continue on Tuesday mornings.

**Sentencings, probation violation and criminal show cause hearings** are heard on Tuesday afternoons and occasionally Monday afternoons. Sentencings concerning FC cases are held on Friday mornings.

**Adjournments of criminal proceedings:** Prior to requesting the Court for an adjournment, approval must be sought from the prosecutor handling the case. Angela Curtis is the assistant prosecutor currently assigned to Judge Farah's cases.