

LMCLR CR4.5
PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS

- 1) Unless otherwise ordered by the court in a specific case for good cause, all cases in which a defendant enters a plea of not guilty shall be set for a pre-trial hearing.
- 2) The court shall assign dates and give written notice to the parties for future motion hearings and trial at the time of the pre-trial conference and shall, in so far as is reasonably possible, schedule those hearings in consultation with both parties. Other factors, such as witness availability, shall also be considered.
- 3) (a) A jury call/readiness hearing will be scheduled in all cases proceeding to trial unless specifically waived by the court in a particular case for good cause shown. This calendar will be held during the week approximately 1 week prior to the scheduled trial or as otherwise set by the court. The defendant shall be required to attend this hearing unless excused by the court. Failure to attend the jury call/readiness hearing may result in the issuance of a bench warrant and/or forfeiture of bond/bail.

(b) At the conclusion of the readiness hearing, the court will no longer accept any plea bargaining arrangements. Therefore, the case will be tried by jury unless waived by the defendant, or concluded by a guilty plea to the original charge(s), or a dismissal of the charge(s).

(Effective 09/01/18)
