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Criminal Trial Confirmation

(a) A date and time for a trial confirmation hearing shall be assigned to each case at the time it is set for trial. Trial confirmation hearings shall be held each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. for the trials set for the following Thursday or Friday. Trial confirmation hearings shall be held each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for those trials set for the following Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

(b) It shall be the affirmative duty of all parties, and of their counsel, to advise the court at such hearing of their readiness to proceed to trial. Failure of a party to advise the Court of their inability to proceed for any reason known on that date shall constitute a waiver of the right to request a continuance for that reason at a later date.

(c) The appearance of criminal defendants at trial confirmation hearings shall be mandatory unless a written confirmation of readiness on the form provided is filed with the court. Said confirmation form must be signed by the defendant not more than seven days prior to the hearing, and by the defendant's attorney, under penalty of perjury. The plaintiff may confirm in person or in writing on the form provided, by signature under penalty of perjury.

(d) Failure of any party to confirm in person or in writing will cause the trial date to be stricken. Criminal defendants who fail to appear or confirm in writing shall be subject to the issuance of a warrant of arrest, upon a showing of probable cause.

(e) After confirmation, the failure of a criminal plaintiff or defendant to appear at trial, or upon appearance, to be unable proceed with the trial, shall be treated as a motion for continuance, resulting in the dismissal of the jury panel, where applicable, and of the trial date. It may also constitute grounds for the issuance of a warrant of arrest, for the dismissal of the charges or for the imposition of sanctions and terms, including jury fees, against litigants and counsel.

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