LCR 77
SESSIONS/COURT HOURS, HEARING DAYS

(1) There shall be one continuous session of court from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Court will be in session, unless otherwise ordered, on all judicial days, except Saturday. Court hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(2) Hearing times and days as well as Department assignments are subject to change to accommodate holidays, availability of judges and courtrooms, judicial conflicts and calendar size, but shall generally be as follows:

A. Civil Matters. Probate, guardianship and civil motions will be heard on Monday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

B. Criminal Matters. Arraignments, omnibus hearings, sentencing pursuant to guilty pleas, probation violations, bail hearings, and preliminary appearances will be heard on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Pretrial hearings pursuant to CrR 3.5 and 3.6 will be heard on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Status conferences will be heard on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Criminal trials will be held Tuesday through Friday and will be set by the court at the time of arraignment.

C. Ex Parte Matters. Ex parte matters shall be heard Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact Court Administrator to confirm availability of judge.

D. Domestic Relation Matters

(1) Settlement Conferences. Settlement Conferences will be heard on Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

(2) Show Cause and Temporary Relief. Show cause hearings and motions for temporary relief, including URESA contempt hearings will be heard on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

(3) Uncontested Dissolutions. Uncontested dissolutions in which one or both parties are represented by counsel will be heard at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays. Uncontested dissolutions in which both parties are not represented by counsel will be heard on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Regardless of representation, jurisdictional testimony may be submitted by affidavit and is encouraged.

E. Protection Orders. Domestic Violence and Protection Orders not otherwise filed under a related case between the parties shall be heard on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m. if both pro se).

F. Adoptions. Any adoptions requiring notice, including pro se adoptions, will be heard on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

G. Civil Trial Settings. Trial setting dockets shall be every Monday at 9:00 a.m. (See also LCR 6.)

H. Juvenile Matters.

(1) Offenders. Arraignments, pleas, dispositions and probation violations will be heard on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Offender trials will be heard on Thursdays and scheduled by the court at the time of arraignment.

(2) Dependencies. Stipulated fact-finding hearings and review hearings will be heard on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Contested fact-finding hearings and shelter care hearings will be scheduled by the Court Administrator.

(3) Truancy/At-Risk Youth. Adequate cause, show cause, review hearings and fact-findings will be heard on Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.