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To Register: SPECIAL SETS ON-LINE SCHEDULING please logon to:
www.17th.flcourts.org

**ALL MOTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERKS OFFICE PRIOR TO
SCHEDULING ALL HEARINGS.**

Special Set Hearings: (15 & 30 minutes)
Users may schedule special set hearings 15 and 30 minutes in duration utilizing on line scheduling. *It is not necessary to contact the Court's judicial assistant.*

*Monday through Thursday @ 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
and 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

***Do not schedule Motions for Rehearing/Reconsideration on the Online Scheduling System. According to AO2010-47-Gen, upon review Judge may grant/deny motion or set for hearing.**

***ALL MOTIONS FOR PARTIAL/FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND MOTIONS FOR ATTORNEY FEES ARE TO BE SET WITH THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANT. IF THESE MOTIONS ARE SET WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANT THEY WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Phone appearances are permitted, however, the movant must file a written motion prior to the hearing and secure an order permitting telephonic appearance. Movant must initiate the call.

Suspensions: September 7 - 10, 2010
September 17, 2010
October 4 – 8, 2010
October 11 – 15, 2010
October 19, 2010
November 12, 2010
November 15 – 19, 2010

November 22 – 24, 2010
November 29 – December 3, 2010
December 6 – 10, 2010
December 14, 2010
December 27 – 30, 2010

All notice and time provisions of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Small Claims Rules (where applicable) and 17th Judicial Circuit local rules and administrative orders apply to the notice of hearing and motions.

IT IS MANDATORY that all parties consult regarding availability of each attorney. Users may log on at the same time to see the Court's schedule of available times when selecting the date and time for a hearing. **A copy of the confirmation receipt, notice of hearing and motion shall be sent to the judicial assistant.**

Any party utilizing self scheduling MUST certify they consulted with the other party in obtaining the hearing time in the notice of hearing.

NO DOUBLE BOOKING of any hearing is permitted at any time. Sanctions may be imposed for non compliance. No "ADD-ON'S" will be permitted without approval to the court.

Counsel, in good faith, shall secure the hearing time necessary to give all parties adequate time to argue the merits of the motion.

DO NOT TRY TO SQUEEZE A HEARING INTO A TIME SLOT THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE!

Should any scheduled hearing become unnecessary; the scheduling party shall immediately cancel the hearing using on line scheduling.

Special set scheduling is for the benefit of the users. Once you have secured hearing time, it will not be necessary to contact the judicial assistant to confirm any hearing.

Special Set Dates (15 to 30 minutes)

September 13 - 16, 2010
September 20 – 30, 2010
October 18, 20 – 29, 2010
November 1 – 10, 2010
November 15 -19, 2010
December 13, 15 – 22, 2010

Special Set Hearings:

ALL SPECIAL SET HEARINGS GREATER THAN 30 MINUTES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANT.

Prior to setting a special set hearing for greater than 30 minutes, the party or attorney noticing the motion for hearing **shall attempt to resolve the matter** and shall certify the good faith attempt to resolve (Local Rule 10A).

When setting the hearing all persons responsible for scheduling such hearings for each party must participate in a **conference call** to the Court's Judicial Assistant in order to schedule a hearing. You must send a copy of the notice and motion to the Judge's Chambers, no later than 10 business days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

NOTICE FOR TRIAL:

When filing a *Notice for Trial*, you **MUST** mail or deliver a copy of the Notice for Trial along with stamped self-addressed envelopes for all parties to the Judicial Assistant.

Upon receipt of your Notice for Trial the case will be forwarded to Mediation or Arbitration. Upon completion of same, if not settled your case will then be scheduled for trial.

Please note:

PLEASE do not call to inquire whether the judge has signed a particular order or has received any document or pleading. We are unable to answer such questions at the current time because of the enormous volume of phone calls and mail received each day. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you for your assistance and patience.