

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**DOMESTIC “BLUE” CALENDAR DOCKET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
11<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Harnett, Johnston and Lee Counties (Effective 2-1-07)  
District Court Civil Rule No. 1.5-2**

The domestic docket management system in 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District comprised of Johnston, Harnett, and Lee Counties, referred to as the “Blue Calendar” becomes a permanent management system, effective 2-1-07.

The Blue Calendar is a Domestic Docket Management System identical to the “Red Calendar” Domestic Docket Management System, except that the Blue Calendar is week long sessions rather than regular domestic weekly sessions.

**The current operating rules for Domestic Court in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District shall be suspended and replaced with the following:**

**A. CASES IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES MAY BE PLACED ON THE BLUE CALENDAR:**

1. Court ordered matters, including but not limited to, reviews;
2. Cases anticipated to last one-half day or longer;
3. Cases involving out of state parties/witnesses;
4. Cases involving expert witnesses; and,
5. Any other domestic case that the court and the parties deem appropriate.

**B. CASES SHALL BE SCHEDULED ON THE BLUE CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:**

1. *By consent of the parties.* Consent to Blue Calendar placement is shown as follows:
  - a. The parties may file a Calendar Request (BC-1) which must contain the initials of both parties and/or their counsel of record;
  - b. A Checklist Order (BC-2) signed in court by both parties and/or their counsel of record and the presiding judge; and,

- c. By written correspondence to the designated Domestic Court Clerk, copies to all parties and/or their counsel of record, indicating consent of the parties to a particular placement on the Blue Calendar. Written correspondence may be by letter or fax.
2. By Judicial placement on the Blue Calendar.
    - a. **By Order:** The presiding domestic court judge may order any case placed on the Blue Calendar, including reviews and continuations in hearings previously stated.
    - b. **By Motion:** Any party seeking to place a case on the Blue Calendar and who does not have consent of the party, may Motion (BC-3) the court for placement on the Blue Calendar for any of the reasons enumerated in Section “A” herein above.
  3. Verbal, tentative requests may be made to the Domestic Court Clerk and will be penciled into a time frame. Requests must be followed up by one of the ways outlined in Subsection A (1) or A (2) herein above. Deadline for follow-up correspondence is seven (7) consecutive days. Follow up requests should include a good faith estimate of time. Items that are penciled in, but not followed up in writing, **WILL NOT** be placed on the court calendar and **WILL** be replaced by something else.
  4. Cases competing for the same Blue Calendar slot shall be given to the first case properly calendaring the case. Other cases may request back-up status for a particular day in the same manner as the calendared case. There shall be no more than one (1) back-up case for any particular day. However, parties and attorneys are notified that any case on a domestic calendar may be called in the discretion of the presiding judge in the event a Blue Calendar case settles.

C. **Additional Rules Concerning Blue Calendar Cases:**

1. **Notice of Settlement.** If a case on the Blue Calendar settles before court, all parties involved shall notify the Domestic Court Clerk of settlement immediately upon settlement of the same. All settlements must occur before court and a Consent Order (**Memorandum of Order or Formal Order**) shall be submitted to the domestic judge no later than one business day before court and signed by the judge. Otherwise, any matter on the Blue Calendar shall be tried when called and all parties and their attorneys shall be present and ready to proceed. Once all parties and attorneys are present in court, it is in the discretion of the presiding judge as to whether or not time will be allowed for settlement negotiations. Should any party and/or their attorney not be present when the case is called, the case shall be subject to dismissal and/or tried in absentia.

2. Cases may be scheduled as Blue Calendar back-up cases as long as they meet the criteria listed in Section “A” herein above, except that back-up cases cannot involve out of town/state witnesses. All parties involved in a case in a back-up position shall be available to the court when called and ready to proceed.
3. NO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE cases are to be set on the Blue Calendar.
4. No Small Claims appeals are to be set on the Blue Calendar.
5. Any District Court Judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District can be assigned to a Blue Calendar session.
6. The Chief District Court Judge may set ANY case on the Blue Calendar.
7. NO domestic case shall be set on more than one (Red and Blue) calendar at the same time.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Albert A. Corbett, Jr., Chief District Court Judge

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Attachments – Forms BC-1, BC-2, BC-3