

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22-2
CONTINUANCE POLICY
SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS
CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT CASES
BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2022**

It is the policy of this Court to provide justice for citizens without unnecessary delay and without undue waste of time and other resources of the Court, the litigants, and other case participants. For all of its case types and dockets, and in all of its courtrooms, the Court looks with strong disfavor on motions or requests to continue court events. To protect the credibility of scheduled trial dates, trial-date continuances are especially disfavored.

Except in unusual circumstances, any continuance motion with regard to a civil superior matter shall be in writing and filed not later than 10 days prior to the scheduled trial date for which rescheduling is requested. Each continuance motion or request shall state reasons and be signed by the attorney/ party making the request and be submitted to the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge on AOC form 221 and the client acknowledgment form attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Court shall grant a continuance only for good cause shown. Continuances on agreement of counsel or the parties shall not be automatically granted. Any grant of a continuance motion shall be made in writing filed in the court file, with an indication of who requested it. Whenever possible, the Court shall reschedule the trial date within the subsequent two months from which it was continued.

In an effort to further reduce backlog with regard to Civil Superior Court matters, continuances of trial dates in cases more than 18 months old are specifically disfavored and shall only be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

Information about the source of each continuance motion or request in a case, and the reason for any continuance granted by the Court, shall be entered for that case in the Court's computerized case management information system. At least semi-annually, the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, or designee, shall promote the consistent application of this continuance policy by reviewing and discussing a report of civil superior cases pending, and the number of continuances requested and granted during the previous period, especially as they relate to the incidence and duration of trial-date continuances.

This the 26th day of May, 2022.

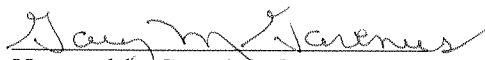

Honorable Gary M. Gavenus
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Twenty-fourth Judicial District

Exhibit "A"

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: _____

_____,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE

_____,
Defendant,

I am the _____ (Plaintiff/Defendant) in the above entitled case. I have been advised that my attorney is seeking a continuance in my case. I am aware that my case is on the trial calendar for the _____ session (date). I have been advised that my case will most likely be reached at the scheduled session. I agree and consent that the continuance should be requested. I understand that there is no guarantee that my case will be continued from the scheduled session.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Client