

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **FILED** IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 3A  
(PITT COUNTY)

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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

PITT CO., C.S.C.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**REGARDING COURT CONTINUANCES**

It is the policy of this Court to provide justice for citizens without unnecessary delay and without undue waste of the time and other resources of the Court, the litigants, and other case participants. For all case types and dockets, and in all 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.

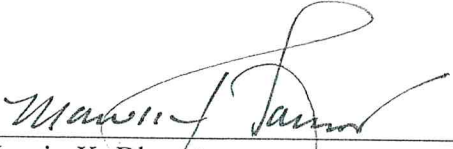
On a case-by-case basis, the Court will evaluate whether sufficient cause justifies a continuance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Except in unusual circumstances, any trial continuance motion or request shall be in writing, and filed not later than 72 hours before the trial session for which rescheduling is requested. Whenever possible, continuance motions or requests shall be made using the appropriate forms issued by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, which include:
  - a. AOC-CV-221 for motions to continue civil superior cases; and
  - b. AOC-CR-410 for motions to continue criminal superior cases.
2. Any attorney or party requesting a trial continuance shall state the reasons for the request and be signed by both the attorney and the party making the request.
3. Trial continuances on agreement of counsel or the parties shall not be automatically granted.
4. The Court shall grant a continuance only for good cause shown unless otherwise provided by law or statute.
5. Continuances of cases more than 18 months old or that have been previously continued are specifically disfavored and shall be granted only in extraordinary circumstances.

6. Any grant of a trial continuance motion or request by the Court shall be made on the record, with an indication of who requested it and the reasons for granting it.
7. Whenever possible, the Court shall hold the rescheduled trial not later than 30 days after the date from which it was continued.
8. Information about the source of each trial continuance motion or request in a case and the reason for any continuance granted by the Court shall be noted in the Court's file.
9. At least once a quarter, the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and Resident Superior Court Judge(s) of the district, shall promote the consistent application of this continuance policy by reviewing and discussing any report generated by the Administrative Office of the Courts by major case type on the number of continuances requested and granted during the previous period, especially as they relate to the incidence and duration of trial-date continuances.
10. As necessary, the Court shall work with all other judges in the district, bar representatives and other court-related agencies to identify and seek resolution of any organizational or systemic problems that cause trials to be rescheduled.
11. The Court will continue to utilize the attached Administrative Hearing Order for continuance request for all matters pending in Superior Criminal Administrative Court.
12. This order shall be adopted as a Local Rule and published on the Administrative Office of the Court's Local Rules website.

Entered and effective as of this 28th day of July, 2022.

  
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Marvin K. Blount  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge  
Judicial District 3A (Pitt County)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF PITT

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FILE: \_\_\_\_\_ CRS \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ORDER

DATE OF THE OFFENSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF THE INDICTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

ATTORNEY for the Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_, [Appointed] [Retained]

Assigned DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE that a Plea Offer was extended to the Defendant by the State: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE that a Plea Offer was [Accepted] [Rejected] by the Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Plea Offer was rejected by the Defendant, the Plea Offer is [rescinded] [remains open] by the State

Motion to Continue was made by the [State] [Defendant], if Motion is made by the Defendant, the Continuance is [with] [without] the consent of the District Attorney. The request is made for the following stated reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There [are] [are not] outstanding discovery items.

Prior Administrative Setting Failure to Appear(s): [Yes] [No]

This case has been calendared \_\_\_\_\_ times in an Administrative Week of Superior Court.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

This matter is CONTINUED until \_\_\_\_\_ for an additional Administrative Setting.

This matter is set for TRIAL on \_\_\_\_\_ and there are currently \_\_\_\_\_ other cases set for trial during this session of court.

\_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUANCE DONE IN OPEN COURT

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of NOVEMBER 2022.

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JUDGE FOSTER

\_\_\_\_\_ Attorney for Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_ Attorney for the State