

Criminal Cases

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

- Attorneys designated as lead counsel shall appear for pretrial conferences.
- Failure to appear for a pretrial conference will result in the matter being set for trial without attorney participation.
- All motions shall be prepared in compliance with local and Supreme Court rules.
- The parties shall be prepared to set the matter for trial.
- All trial dates are specially set and no continuances will be freely granted.
- Bond and suppression hearings shall be set on a date other than the pretrial conference and before trial, at counsel's request.

TRIAL

- **Motions in limine** shall be filed no later than the Friday before trial.
- On the morning of trial, the State shall provide the Court with hard copies of **marked and unmarked jury instructions**; said instructions shall be double-spaced and in 14 point font and also emailed to the division law clerk in a **Word** document.
- On or before the second business day of trial, the defense shall provide the Court with hard copies of **marked and unmarked converse and lesser included instructions**; said instructions shall be double-spaced and in 14 point font and also emailed to the division law clerk in a **Word** document.
- The parties shall provide the court reporter with **witness and exhibit lists** in the format listed on the Division 4 web page for the 16th Judicial Circuit. (See, "**Forms**" section) The parties shall contact the court reporter the week before trial to discuss numbering exhibits.
- **Guilty pleas** may be scheduled prior to trial by contacting the division.
- Please contact the division to arrange a time to **set up audio-video equipment** in the courtroom.