

## STANDING TRIAL ORDER FOR CR-G

This Order applies to all cases set for trial after June 1, 2026 and is designed to establish an orderly process for jury trials in this division. This Order also sets forth the Court's expectations for trial practice and applies equally and without limitation to all counsel of record and *pro se* Defendants alike

1. Be Prepared. Jury trials take our residents from their normal life to uphold one of the fundamental principles of our nation. The call upon jurors' time should be used efficiently and with as minimal "dead time" as possible. There are always uncertainties in trial, but with proper preparation those uncertainties and, thus, delays can be minimized.
2. Discovery To Be Completed Before Final Pre-Trial. When the parties announce that they are ready for trial at the Final Pre-Trial conference, the Court takes that to mean that the parties are ready to try the case. This includes having completed all discovery necessary for trial. As such, the Court will not permit additional witness or evidence disclosures after Final Pre-Trial. The parties may make their own agreements, but that will not be the basis for continuing trial.
3. Evidentiary Motions Must Be Filed No Later Than 2 Weeks Before Final Pre-Trial. The Court will enforce this deadline to allow sufficient time to schedule the evidentiary hearing without delaying or continuing the scheduled trial. A copy of the motion(s) shall be sent to the Court by e-mail ([skaleel@coj.net](mailto:skaleel@coj.net)) after it is filed. If the Court sets a separate 'All Motion' deadline, the earlier date between that deadline or 2 weeks before Final Pre-Trial will control.
4. Non-Evidentiary Motion Practice Closes At Final Pre-Trial. Because discovery is completed before Final Pre-Trial, there will also be a non-evidentiary motion deadline at Final Pre-Trial. The Court has been setting 'All Motion' deadlines with court dates before

Final Pre-Trial, but to the extent such a deadline is not set, all motions must be filed no later than Final Pre-Trial.

5. Amendments to the Pleadings. No amendments to any pleadings shall be permitted after Final Pre-Trial without written Court approval.
6. Parties Will Exchange And Review Proposed Jury Instructions Prior To Jury Selection.  
While developments at trial may require a change in final jury instructions, the parties are able to predict the vast majority of standard jury instructions. Following Final Pre-Trial and before the start of Jury Selection, the parties will exchange proposed jury instructions and review them – either in person or through a video or telephone call.
7. All Stipulations And Agreements Will Be In Writing Before Jury Selection. The parties will present the Court with all written agreements and stipulations prior to jury selection.
8. Pleas Following Final Pre-Trial. After Final Pre-Trial, the Court will not accept negotiated plea bargains. A Defendant may enter an open plea to the Court in lieu of proceeding to trial.
9. All Objections to Audio or Video Evidence Must Be Made By Final Pre-Trial. If the evidence is not disclosed until Final Pre-Trial, then the objections must be made before the start of Jury Selection.
10. No Waiver Of Appearances For Final Pre-Trial. All parties shall appear in-person for Final Pre-Trial.