

41-A DISTRICT COURT
40111 Dodge Park
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

Honorable Eric D. Shepherd
District Court Judge

Phone: (586) 446-2511

JUDGE SHEPHERD'S CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCEDURE ORDER

For information purposes only - a trial date will be set at a later date

TAKE NOTICE that Judge Shepherd requires the following for trial:

BEFORE THE DAY OF TRIAL:

1. Motions in Limine and/or trial motions shall be filed and scheduled at least 28 days prior to trial or deemed waived.
2. All depositions intended for use at trial shall be purged at least 14 days prior to trial or all objections shall be deemed waived. If the attorneys cannot amicably resolve objections, contact the Judge's assistant at 586-446-2511 to set up a time prior to trial to appear before the Court. Objections must be presented to the Court in writing with citations of authority in support of the party's position. Objections to depositions filed on the day of trial will not be heard.
3. For all civil jury trials, a Final Pretrial Order will be issued for all civil jury trials. A copy can be found [here](#) along with civil policies and procedures.
4. For all criminal jury trials, have completed jury instructions, including the proposed jury verdict form for the Court and all counsel (not just by instruction number) the Monday prior to the trial date.

ON THE DAY OF TRIAL:

1. Be present with client(s) and any other person(s) necessary to effect the disposition of the matter.
2. Mark proposed exhibits with exhibit stickers (do not number the exhibits). Have stipulations for entry of exhibits or stated reasons for objection prepared. Furnish copies of proposed exhibits to the Court and opposing counsel.
3. Have eight (8) copies of jury instructions for jurors.
4. Have witnesses available for trial.

THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES A DULY ENTERED ORDER OF THIS COURT, AND FAILURE TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH ALL OF ITS TERMS MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL, DEFAULT JUDGMENT, REFUSAL TO LET WITNESSES TESTIFY, REFUSAL TO ADMIT EXHIBITS, OR OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF SPECIAL COSTS, EXPENSES AND ATTORNEY FEES.

NOTICE: The Court will entertain a jurisdiction motion pursuant to MCR 2.227.

ERIC D. SHEPHERD
District Court Judge