

LOCAL RULE 19 | SPECIAL SET HEARINGS PROCEDURES

Special Set Hearings up to thirty (30) minutes must be scheduled online only. All motions for Special Set must be filed and docketed prior to setting a hearing. Please do not special set if the motion has not been filed and docketed.

Parties may not "add-on" motions without the approval of Judge Bidwill, no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. No additional time will be allocated because of an add-on without the Court's approval. You will need to send a copy of the motion you wish to add-on, along with a cover letter advising same and if the motion will require any additional time, and if so, how much extra time to: div27@17th.flcourts.org.

All counsel must consult to clear dates to make sure that you do not try to squeeze a hearing into a time slot that does not provide adequate time to resolve the motion! No "add-ons" will be permitted without approval of the court. If the matter settles, or you need to obtain a new date, you must notify the Judge's office within twenty-four (24) hours of the hearing, otherwise sanctions may be imposed. Hearings that have been posted to the Special Set Docket may only be cancelled by parties if an agreement on the merits has been reached and the parties have entered into a written stipulation, or with court approval. See ([Local Rule No. 10A](#)).

All special set hearings greater than thirty (30) minutes must be coordinated with the Judicial Assistant. Please send an e-mail to div27@17th.flcourts.org with the case number, name, reason, and amount of time needed. The moving party will be contacted with further instructions.

Fee Hearings must be set by the Court.

ALL PARTIES MUST CONFER PRIOR TO SCHEDULING THE HEARING AND, IN GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT, TO REACH A RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES. IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL PARTIES CONSULT REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF EACH COUNSEL. DO NOT SET A HEARING WITHOUT COORDINATING IT WITH OPPOSING PARTY.

