

SECTION 3 | SCHEDULING HEARINGS

ALL hearings must be coordinated with opposing counsel. The party requesting a hearing on any pending motion should contact the Judicial Assistant with all other parties on the line. If there are more than four parties, then the moving party's attorney may contact the Judicial Assistant to request available dates and then coordinate with all other parties. Please do not include or copy the Judicial Assistant on those coordinating emails. Dates provided for hearings are not held and may be given to other cases. It is expected that all counsel will promptly respond to the moving party's attorney with proposed dates received from the Judicial Assistant to facilitate this process. This office will confirm once a hearing date is secured.

Once a hearing time is set, no party may add or notice additional matters for that time without the express consent of all parties.

If the parties cancel a hearing, the parties shall immediately file a Notice of Cancellation and e-mail the Notice to the Judicial Assistant. It is imperative the Court have the opportunity to repost the hearing time for use in other cases.

Any party seeking to appear telephonically for a hearing shall move the Court for permission at the time the hearing is requested. Telephonic appearances are a privilege, not a right. Attendance by telephone is usually permitted in non-evidentiary hearings of 30 minutes or less. The Court may deny telephonic appearances if there is a history of problems or issues that impede the Court's scheduled hearings. If permission to appear telephonically is granted, the counsel attending telephonically shall comply with Rule 2.530 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration and make all necessary arrangements in advance with the Judicial Assistant to be on the phone and ready to proceed at the scheduled hearing time. If more than one person is appearing telephonically, the parties are responsible for making arrangements in advance so that only one line is calling into the Court at the time of hearing.

The Court's hearing schedule has very little, and sometimes no time in-between hearings. Please arrive early and allow plenty of time for parking. Failure to timely appear for a hearing may result in the motion being denied (if moving party) or the motion being heard without you (if the non-moving party). Moreover, the Court will enforce the time limits set for each hearing. Any matters not resolved during the scheduled hearing time will have to be re-scheduled or decided after an opportunity for written briefing.

