

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F C O L O R A D O

Office of the Chief Justice

SETTING OF MATTERS TO AVOID  
SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

The United States District Court for the District of Colorado operates under the following rule:

Each judge shall maintain an individual civil calendar. Efforts will be made to avoid conflicts of counsel with all earlier firm trial court settings made known to the judge. In the absence of compelling, extraordinary circumstances, trailing calendars or uncertain settings in this Court will not be permitted to interfere with firm settings in other Courts. Firm trial dates in this Court will not be vacated to defer to trailing calendars or uncertain settings in other trial Courts.

Since it is important and necessary that the state court system reciprocate, each district and county judge shall avoid scheduling matters at a time that conflicts with any earlier firm trial court settings made known to the judge by counsel. In the absence of compelling or extraordinary circumstances, trailing calendars or uncertain settings in one court shall not be permitted to interfere with firm settings in other courts, and firm trial dates in one court need not be vacated to defer to trailing calendars or uncertain settings in other courts. If a criminal matter must be set in one court at a time that creates a schedule conflict with another civil or criminal matter already set at a firm time in another court, the judge of the court proposing the conflicting setting shall call the judge of the court in which counsel already has the firm setting, and the two judges, conferring with counsel if necessary, shall work out a solution on an individual case basis.

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