

Fairfax JDRDC Transition Plan-Phase 1

Start dates: **June 15, 2020:**

-Calendar Control (“CC”) judge daily from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. via WebEx

July 6, 2020:

-Additional cases added: Criminal and Civil for status hearings only

-Trial dates for civil cases begin daily

July 15, 2020:

-Criminal trial dates begin every Wednesday

General:

Format: Continue with **remote/telephone hearings except** as determined by the presiding judge or **criminal trials** in which the **defendant requests a full hearing, in person**

COVID-19: Continue recommended safety precautions including social distancing in and out of the courtroom; mandatory wearing of face masks and hand washing

Promote: Parties are encouraged to participate in mediation; enter settlements and other agreed orders as the court resolves the backlog of cases continued due to the pandemic

Pending cases: The clerk’s office shall continue all cases currently set in June 2020 through September 30, 2020.

The clerk’s office shall reschedule all civil and criminal cases, originally set for trial in March, April, and May 2020, which were continued due to COVID-19, for a status hearing beginning the week of July 6, 2020

All cases involving petitions filed by the Fairfax County **Department of Family Services (DFS)** shall **remain on the current docket as scheduled**, unless approved by the Chief Judge, due to federal and state timeline requirements. These cases shall be **heard by the trial judges**. If the case can be heard by the regularly assigned judge (One Judge; One Family), it shall be so assigned. If not, any trial judge may hear the case.

Criminal and civil cases in which the **defendant/juvenile is detained shall be given priority in rescheduling**

CC Judge: Beginning on June 15, 2020: Daily from 9:00 -10:00 A.M, CC matters will be heard by Team A/Team B on an alternating basis until July 2, 2020

Beginning on July 6, 2020, CC matters will be heard on an alternating basis by all 8 judges daily

See Attachment regarding more detailed information regarding the procedures required for CC matters and the Notice form.

SH Additions: Beginning on July 6, 2020, all cases will initially be set for a **status hearing** only for both civil and criminal cases. Cases will be scheduled based upon the date of filing

DCSE: DCSE requests all hearings be held via remote/telephone only. **DCSE cases will be heard every Friday instead of the SHI AM Docket**

Civil Trials For SHI/DCSE cases, it will be difficult to practice “**One judge, one family.**” However, when a trial date is set, the court will strive, when possible, to set the trial with the assigned judge, particularly for modifications

Trials:

Criminal trials and contested motions shall be set for every **Wednesday effective July 15, 2020**

-No trial dates for Class 1 or 2 misdemeanors-unless detained

-All criminal trials are limited to 60 minutes starting at 9:00 A.M:

9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M.-2:30 P.M.

2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Civil trial dates will be available every day effective July 6, 2020

-Trial days every day

-2-3 civil courtrooms every day unless a conflict arises

--All civil trials are limited to no more than 90 minutes starting at 9:00 A.M