

**Clark County District Court
In the State of Washington**

Kristen L. Parcher
Chad E. Sleight
James B. Smith
Sonya L. Langsdorf
Kelli E. Osler
Abigail E. Bartlett
Judges of District Court

Todd N. George
Erin E. Priest
Court Commissioner



Amber K. Emery
Court Administrator

Bryan M. Farrell
Deputy Court Administrator

District Court - Remote and In Person Docket Policy

Objective:

Improve court operations and access to justice for parties and the community by -

1. Restarting mandatory in-person appearances for some dockets to allow for swifter arraignments, more meaningful interactions with the court and counsel, and more efficient case processing.
2. Retaining remote appearances for scheduling and certain other dockets to preserve flexibility for counsel and minimize the impact of in-person appearances on the parties.

COURT HEARING	IN-PERSON	REMOTE	NOTES
CRIMINAL			
ARR	X		*
DVARR		X	**
VARR		X	**
MPT	X	X	***
READINESS		X	No COP
TRIAL (Criminal)	X		
PTR VIOLATIONS	X		As scheduled by dept. – ARR/COP docket if in-person, or to remote hearing docket
BW QUASH	X		ARR or DVARR
COP / SENTENCING	X		
DEFERRED PROS. ENTRY	X		
REDUCTION TO INFRACTION		X	
DIVERSION ENTRY		X	
PV/DP REVOCATION	X a.m.	X p.m.	a.m. – medium/high classification, motions to revoke DP, or as set by department p.m. – low risk
WEAPONS SURRENDER	X		Add to COP or ARR docket AH – add to AH docket
COMPETENCY EVAL	X		I/C – VARR or DVARR O/C – COP docket or as set by department
SPECIAL SET MOTIONS/HEARINGS	X		As set by assigned department

MT RESCIND DV NCO		X	10:00 after DV COP docket or as scheduled by department
SPECIALTY COURTS	X		May have exceptions based on phase and employment
CAMAS/WASHOUGAL	X		
CIVIL			
NAME CHANGE		X	
CIVIL MOTIONS		X	
SMALL CLAIM PRE-TRIAL		X	
SMALL CLAIM TRIALS	X		
TRIAL (Civil)	X		
IMPOUND HEARING		X	

TRAFFIC – CONTESTED		X	As allowed by court rule
TRAFFIC – MITIGATION		X	
TRAFFIC – INTERPRETER CONTEST/MIT		X	
ANTI-HARASSMENT HEARINGS		X	Improved court security/decreased risk of onsite conflict between parties.

**This is the initiation of the court process and there is meaning to the hearing being in-person including: in person contact with court appointed attorneys, paperwork given in court, and ability to report directly to pre-trial release.*

***Most defendants are in-custody for DVARR and VARR. It will facilitate screening, utilizing interpreters, and attorney communication to have all parties appear remotely.*

****Mandatory Pretrial Hearings will remain remote with Vancouver Defenders cases at 8:30 and Private/Pro Se cases at 10:00. **Change of pleas (both Van Def and Private/Pro Se) will be in person at 11:00.***

ANY exceptions to appearing in person when required must be approved by the assigned department, upon written motion, and ONLY in extreme cases.

The court will continue to allow for any person who cannot appear remotely to appear in person.

Restitution motions and Motions to Revoke Diversion may be cited on to sentencing judge's 1:00 Probation Violation docket (Fridays). DV restitution motions and Motions to Revoke Diversion may be cited on to sentencing judge's DV MPT docket at 10:00 a.m. (Tuesdays).

Deferred Prosecution and Diversion entries may be cited on appropriate COP docket. Diversion entries may be done remotely if on MPT docket. Deferred Prosecution entry at MPT shall be in person at 11:00 a.m.

Pretrial Release intakes will continue to be done by telephone unless necessary to have defendant report day of arraignment or if an interpreter is needed. In-person intakes will report to Probation Lobby.

Interpreter Services will schedule interpreters, when possible, consistent with the type of docket (i.e. in-person docket/in-person interpreter, remote docket/remote interpreter). Paperwork reviews will remain remote on Thursdays as is the current practice.