

IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fairbanks District Court Criminal
Case Management Order

Presiding Judge's Administrative Order
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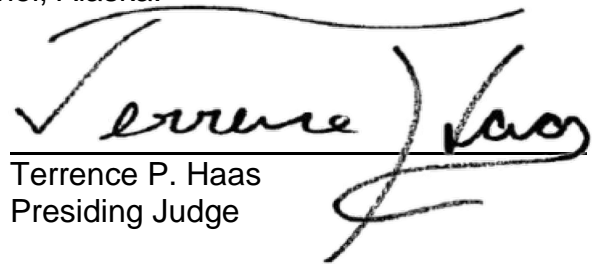
FAIRBANKS DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Effective July 1, 2021, the following changes are hereby made to the District Court criminal case management at Fairbanks:

- 1) At arraignments, each new misdemeanor case shall be assigned to a District Court Judge;
- 2) The District Court Judge assigned shall be responsible for conducting all bail hearings, change of pleas, motion hearings, or other necessary hearing on any case so assigned;
- 3) Each District Court Judge shall have, at minimum, one week per month as the Judge's regular trial week. There shall be one Judge available for trial every week if possible. The trial weeks shall be assigned on a rolling basis. For example, Judge Seekins, week one, Judge Christian, week two, Judge Bahr, week three, Judge Seekins, week 4, Judge Christian, week 5 (should a month contain a fifth trial week) and so on and so forth. Should it be necessary, the court may endeavor to have a second judge available;
- 4) At arraignments, cases will no longer be set for calendar call. Rather, the arraigining judicial officer shall set the matter for a trial week consistent with the judicial assignment approximately 75 days from the date of arraignment. The arraigining judicial officer shall also schedule the matter for a pretrial conference on the Wednesday one week prior to the Wednesday immediately before the assigned Judge's trial week;
- 5) Counsel attending the pretrial conference must be competent in the case and with authority to negotiate;
- 6) All defendants must attend the pretrial conference. Waivers of appearance are not permitted for use at the pretrial conference;

- 7) At the pretrial conference, the State shall certify to the assigned District Court Judge that assigned counsel has reviewed discovery and communicated with the appropriate law enforcement agencies to determine if there exists any discovery not yet provided;
- 8) At the pretrial conference, defense counsel shall certify to the Court that they have reviewed discovery and communicated any offer from the State with their client.
- 9) At the pretrial conference, Counsel shall certify to the Court that they have discussed the matter and communicated any discovery issues and proposed Rule 11 agreements between counsel.
- 10) At the pretrial conference, the District Court Judge shall inquire as to whether all offers have been conveyed, and whether the offer is accepted or rejected.
- 11) Calendar call on remaining cases shall remain as calendared. At the calendar call, the District Court Judge shall assign a judicial officer and a trial week. No further calendar call will be scheduled on these existing matters.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2021 at Bethel, Alaska.


Terrence P. Haas
Presiding Judge

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