

D.C. AND TRAFFIC CALENDAR REALIGNMENT PLAN
(Effective November 4, 2013)

Pursuant to Administrative Order 13-19, this memorandum outlines the realignment of the three D.C. and Traffic calendars. Under the realignment plan, each calendar will have an approximately equal caseload of all D.C. Misdemeanor and Traffic cases, and will handle its own citation arraignments and trials. Cases will be assigned according to the seven MPD Districts and other police agencies.

1. Realigned Calendar Assignments:

D.C. Calendar 1 – Courtroom 120, Magistrate Judge Ringell (Magistrate Judge Brandt, effective January 1, 2014):

Police Districts 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D
Citation return date – Thursday
Trial Days – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

D.C. Calendar 2 – Courtroom 115, Magistrate Judge McCarthy (Magistrate Judge Wingo, effective January 1, 2014):

Police Districts 5D, 6D
Citation return date – Tuesday
Trial Days – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

D.C. Calendar 3 – Courtroom 116, Magistrate Judge Epps:

Police Districts 7D, U.S. Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police
Citation return date – Wednesday
Trial Days – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

(U.S. Secret Service and other law enforcement agency cases will be assigned to the police district where the defendant is booked.)

2. Citation Return Day Calendars:

In addition to all citation release arraignment cases, other short non-trial matters (sentencings, probation violations, etc.) will be set on the citation return day. Two D.C. CJA Panel Duty Day Attorneys will appear in the designated courtroom for each citation return day.

On the Citation Return Days, cases will be scheduled as follows:

9:30 a.m. Traffic Alcohol related cases: to allow for screening by the Pretrial Services Agency (“PSA”) since they only supervise traffic alcohol related cases. Estimated to be 8-15 per week per calendar.

10:30 a.m. No Permit cases and other non-alcohol related traffic matters: in many of these cases the government may allow the defendant to remedy by getting a permit or allow another form of diversion, so the Duty Day Attorney will provide representation in these matters when appropriate.

11:30 a.m. Non-traffic D.C. cases: all cases involving quality of life offenses with defendants who may have more serious social service needs.

Noon – afternoon Short matters: Sentencings, probation show cause hearings, probation reviews, and other miscellaneous short matters.

3. D.C./Traffic Lockup Arraignments:

Effective November 4, 2013, all D.C.-prosecuted lockups will be arraigned in C-10.

- OAG lockup cases will be heard at 3:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.
- PSA will provide reports for the traffic lockups and those reports will be available before 3:30 p.m.
- Attorneys will speak to their clients no later than noon in the cell block, the same time frame currently in place for U.S. lockups.
- D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic no-paper releases from C-10 will receive the same notice regarding sealing motions that U.S. no-paper releases receive.
- U.S. citations will be heard on C-10 on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (currently just Tuesdays and Thursdays) to coordinate with any OAG citation that may be issued for that day.

4. Detention Hearings:

- Detention hearings will be scheduled on the individual D.C. Traffic/Misdemeanor calendar to which the case is assigned. Coverage on days when the Magistrate Judge in that courtroom is on leave will be arranged by the court as usual.
- Detention hearings under 1322(a)(1)(A) or (C) will be assigned to Courtroom 301.

5. Duty Day Attorneys:

Under the realignment, Duty Day Attorneys will be utilized as follows:

- The regular C-10 Stand-In Attorney will handle D.C. lockups in C-10 if counsel is not appointed.
- On citation return days in Courtrooms 115, 116 and 120, (Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday), two D.C. Duty Day Attorneys will be assigned to the citation courtroom, and one D.C. Duty Day Attorney will be assigned as a “floater” for appearance in and service to other courtrooms.
- On Mondays and Fridays two D.C. Duty Day Attorneys will be assigned as “floaters” for appearance in and service to all courtrooms.

6. CJA Attorneys:

- Attorneys will sign up for pickup using the CJA electronic signup procedures.
- Attorneys who sign up for lockups the night before may be assigned D.C. lockups or may be assigned D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic citations.
- The electronic signup page will indicate whether attorneys are signing up for D.C. cases.
- The daily assignment judge will make attorney appointments from the lockup list for all lockup cases in the same timeframe as currently used for US lockup assignments.
- Appointments will be made in C-10 and the D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic courtrooms only where no attorney has been assigned or the assigned attorney is not present and has not communicated with the courtroom about his/her absence or arranged a stand-in.