

The Honorable Edward Sosnick

Location

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Procedural Guidelines for Practice in Judge Edward Sosnick's Courtroom

In order to better serve the attorneys and litigants appearing in Judge Sosnick's courtroom, we have adopted the following guidelines. Please advise your clients and staff so that there are no misunderstandings.

Scheduling/Conference

Judge Sosnick does not hold scheduling conference. Scheduling orders are computer-generated by Case Management Office. He will hold status conferences and settlement conferences on request. All parties must attend settlement conferences in person. Judge Sosnick will hold pretrial conferences on parties' request. Participates in the Judge On Line program and will hold telephonic conferences. Attorneys must follow procedures for arranging the Judge On Line program with the chambers and Case Management office and pay applicable fees.

Criminal Call

Criminal sentences, pre-trials, and arraignments are held at 1:00 pm every Wednesday. Judge Sosnick will accept Cobbs pleas at arraignment at bench. Adjournments allow by motion/stipulation for good cause.

Motion Practice

Motions are heard at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Check in with clerk in the courtroom. Add-on policy at Court's discretion. Normally does not allow oral argument on reconsideration motions. The moving party sets hearing date for any motions other than dispositive motions. Court has deadline for timing of responses and responsive briefs and length. Motions in limine due one week prior to trial but can be heard on day of trial. Research attorney reviews all dispositive and criminal motions and all appeals. The Court sometimes permits oral bond motions. Contact judicial secretary to schedule all dispositive motions.

TRO/Injunction

The Court uses MCR 3.310 and grants ex parte relief as per court rules. Court will accelerate briefing schedule.

Discovery

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Discovery time allowed is six to nine months. Judge Sosnick will allow one extension for discovery by stipulation and order. All other request for extentions will be motion only. Judge Sosnick will appoint discovery master on request of parties.

Pretrials

Judge Sosnick participates in the Judge On Line program and will allow telephonic pretrials. Contact the chambers, Case Management office, and pay applicable fees to participate in this program. Settlement discussions emphasized at final pretrial conference; all parties must attend. Court routinely becomes involved in settlement negotiations in jury trials.

Trials

Docket scheduled by Case Management Office. Adjournment by motion or stipulation for good cause for first adjournment. All other requests for adjournments must be made through motion. Exhibits marked by attorney prior to trial; Plaintiff - numbers; Defendant - letters. Trial briefs required for bench trials one week prior to start of trial. Trial hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Court requires proposed findings; can be amended after trial to conform to evidence. Court conducts voir dire and counsel also participates in voir dire for jury selection. Specific voir dire requests allowed at day of trial in writing. Proposed jury instructions are required and allowed on plain paper (double spaced and all caps) one week prior to trial. Jury charged after final argument and may take instructions into deliberations in complex cases.

General

Court uses mediation and arbitration. Drivers license restoration requires medical report. District court appeals scheduled by judicial secretary.

Judge Sosnick does not participate in the e-filing program.