

IN THE STATE COURT OF BRYAN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN RE: CONTINUANCE
REQUESTS AND LEGAL
CONFLICT LETTERS

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Rebecca C. Crowe
Clerk of Courts
Bryan County, Georgia

STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS, this Court is vested with the authority to maintain practices and standing orders to promulgate internal processes of the Court in matters which are not susceptible to uniformity, which relate only to internal procedure and which do not affect the rights of any party substantially, or materially. U.S.C.R. 1.2; Best Jewelry Mfg. Co., Inc. v. Reed Elsevier, Inc., 334 Ga. App. 826, 780 S.E.2d 689 (2015).

WHEREAS, it appears that parties frequently file late or deficient requests for hearing continuances and legal conflict letters in connection with misdemeanor criminal cases.

WHEREAS, such late, deficient conflict notices and request for continuances evidence a willful disrespect toward the Court and interfere with the Court's ability to administer justice.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that all such requests be made by using the Court's fillable, online form found here: <https://bryancountystatecourt.org/forms/>. All continuance requests shall be made using the correct court form **and** shall be emailed directly to Tara Floyd (tara.floyd@bryan-county.org) and Kailey Statham (kstatham@bryan-county.org) at least SEVENTY-TWO (72) hours prior to the court appearance date. Failure to do so will result in the request being summarily denied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court retains the discretion to waive these requirements for providential cause or other

emergency request. However, a party risks being found in contempt of this Order, or other adverse consequence that may arise from a failure to submit a timely, proper, request for continuance, if the party, individually or through counsel, seeks a late continuance on this basis and the Court ultimately finds that the request is non-emergent in nature. For this reason, parties are urged to seek timely continuances.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that requests emailed or texted directly to Mr. Don Montgomery, the Bryan County Solicitor-General, or any other individual, are not acceptable and will be summarily denied.

FURTHERMORE, the foregoing shall apply to all non-conflict continuance requests. All legal conflicts shall continue to be governed by, and be filed in accordance with, Ga. Sup. Ct. Rule 17.1 - Method of Resolution, Ga. R. Sup. Ct. 17.1 ("Attorneys confronted by such conflicts are expected to give written notice such that it will be received at least seven days prior to the date of conflict.") Such conflict letters are required to be submitted electronically with a courtesy copy being emailed to Amber Merriam (amerriam@bryan-county.org). Any conflict submitted not in compliance with the rule will be summarily denied.

SO ORDERED, this the 8th day of May, 2023.



HON. BILLY E. TOMLINSON
Judge, Bryan County State Court
Atlantic Judicial Circuit