

**IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 99-13

RE: Jury calendars for criminal cases

In light of a recent Georgia Supreme Court ruling, Cuzzort v. State, 1999 WL 705013 (Ga.), a previously ordered internal operating procedure of this court, known as I.O.P. 99 - 4 is hereby rescinded in its entirety and replaced with the following:

As ordered in I.O.P. 98 - 22, the Solicitor General is designated as "calendar clerk" for all criminal matters, subject to the uniform state court rules, the requirements of these I.O.P.'s and the direction of the Judge of the State Court.

With regard to the criminal jury calendar, the calendar clerk is ordered to comply with the following procedure.

1. The Solicitor General shall prepare and publish a jury calendar, in which the cases shall be prioritized for trial from the first case until the last.
2. The Judge, at calendar call, will announce the number of cases which shall be required to appear ready for trial Monday morning of trial week. All other cases will be on a 2-hour call.
3. The Judge will announce at calendar call a deadline for the Solicitor to make all offers of negotiation and a deadline for Defendants to accept those offers prior to the beginning of trial week.
4. The parties shall immediately notify the Judge's office of plea agreements reached prior to the beginning of trial week. The Judge's office will then call the next case in line to inform the next case that it has moved up in order of priority.
5. All cases not placed on trial or Monday of trial week will be on 2-hour call. If the case is called at or after 2:00 p.m. on any given day, the case will not be required to appear for trial until the next succeeding morning at 9:00 a.m.

So ORDERED, this 5th day of November, 1999.

Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge
State Court of Forsyth County