

TRIAL CONFIRMATIONS

What is a trial confirmation?

A trial confirmation is a court hearing that happens about a week and a half before your trial. A Judge will decide which cases that are scheduled for trial are ready to proceed, how much time is needed, and which Judge(s) have availability to hear those trials.

When is the trial confirmation?

Trial confirmations are scheduled on a Thursday 11 days before trial. They begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish about 9:00 a.m.

Where does the trial confirmation hearing happen?

The scrolling monitors on the second floor will always list your name and the courtroom number where your hearing will be for that particular day.

Do I need to attend trial confirmation?

You must go to the trial confirmation. Let the court know if you do not need a trial date anymore by showing up at your trial confirmation.

What happens at trial confirmation?

1. The judge will ask for the following information about your trial:
 - Has the case settled or is it going forward to trial?
 - How much time is needed for trial?
 - Are there any dates within the 2 weeks that trial is scheduled that the parties are unavailable?
(*Please note:* the court will do its best to schedule around any conflicts, but cannot make any guarantees. You should be available the entire 2 weeks.)
2. If the parties have not selected if they want an Informal or Traditional Trial, the Judge will ask them to complete a Family Law Trial Selection Form.
3. You will not find out when your trial will start at trial confirmation. The Judge will ask the parties to file a Notice of Contact Information for Trial so that the Judicial Assistant may send you notice after the trial confirmation hearing with the specific date and time your trial will be held.

My trial was put on Standby, what does that mean?

Standby means that your case will go to trial only if other trials are cancelled. You will still get a date for trial if your trial is on standby. The Assignment of Trial Date From Trial Confirmations notice that you receive after the trial confirmation hearing will tell you when Court staff will notify you if your trial date is **cancelled or needs to be rescheduled**. If you do not hear from the court, be ready to appear for trial. If your trial is not heard on its standby date, you will receive a new trial confirmation and trial date notice by mail/e-mail.