

**LAKE SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION ROOM ONE
PROCEDURE FOR SCHEDULING
CASES**

The Lake Superior Court, Civil Division, Room One, now adopts the following procedure for the scheduling of cases:

I. Jury trials

- A. Upon the filing of the first entry of appearance of a responding party, the Court shall generate an Initial Case Management Order which shall set deadlines for completion of discovery and the filing of dispositive motions. Parties subsequently added to the litigation shall be integrated into the management of the case as the Court shall order.
- B. A status conference shall be set approximately thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the discovery and dispositive motion deadlines at which time the Court shall generate either an Order setting any dispositive motions still pending for hearing, an Interim Case Management Order, or a Final Case Management Order setting the matter for Pre-Trial Conference and Trial by Jury.
- C. In the event a hearing is held on a dispositive motion pending at the time of the status conference and the motion is denied, the Court will simultaneously generate either an Interim Case Management Order, or a Final Case Management Order setting the matter for Pre-Trial Conference and Trial by Jury.
- D. Two jury trials shall be set each week, jury selection for both trials to take place Monday morning, first trial to commence 1:00 p.m. on Monday; second trial to commence at the conclusion of the first trial, but no later than 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. Lengthier trials shall be scheduled based upon the time required.
- E. Jury Trials will be set six deep. If there is more than one case remaining on the trial calendar at the time of the Final Pre-Trial Conference, counsel will be advised as to whether or not the case will proceed. If counsel are advised at the Final Pre-Trial Conference that the case will not proceed, and the cases remaining on the calendar are later resolved, the court may reset the case for jury trial during its original setting.

VI. Bench Trials

- A. Upon the filing of the first entry of appearance of a responding party, the Court shall generate an Initial Case Management Order which shall set deadlines for completion of discovery and the filing of dispositive motions. Parties subsequently added to the litigation shall be integrated into the management of the case as the Court shall order.
- B. A status conference shall be set approximately thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the discovery and dispositive motion deadlines at which time the Court shall generate either an Order setting any dispositive motions still pending for hearing, an Interim Case Management Order, or a Final Case Management Order setting the matter for Bench Trial.
- C. In the event a hearing is held on a dispositive motion pending at the time of the status conference and the motion is denied, the Court will simultaneously generate a Final Case Management Order setting the matter for Bench Trial.

D. General Calendar—Non-Jury Trial Weeks

- A. Initial status conferences are to be set on Mondays of non-jury trial weeks three every half-hour commencing at 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. for a maximum total of fifteen for the morning and 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. for a maximum total of fifteen for the afternoon.
- B. Proceedings Supplemental to Execution and related hearings and hearings on Mortgage Foreclosures shall be heard every Friday morning commencing at 8:30 a.m.
- C. All other matters, including final pre-trial conferences, hearings on motions and bench trials, shall be heard Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The procedure outlined above will be integrated into the existing Court calendar. The Court has the discretion to deviate from or modify this procedure as justice shall require.