

NEW CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY LOCAL RULES

A committee circuit court judges developed a set of three new Supplementary Local Rules which are the base for a significant change in civil case management in the Fourth Judicial District. This new approach to civil case management will be implemented for cases filed on or after February 1, 2012, with the effective date of the new rules.

Cases filed prior to February 1, 2012, will continue to be managed under the existing Supplementary Local Rules for motion practice and trial setting.

This new approach to civil case management was developed by Judges Henry Kantor, Marilyn Litzenberger, Judith Matarazzo, Adrienne Nelson and Janice Wilson. The new rules are based on their own research on best practices in state and federal courts and also based on discussions with members of the civil bar on best practices for the management of civil actions from the attorney's point of view – the rules provide for earlier judicial involvement, fewer unproductive appearances to report the status of the case, and certainty of trial dates.

The three new rules in this trilogy are:

[“2.011 CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT COVER SHEET”](#);

[“7.011 INITIAL CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE”](#); and,

[“7.015 TRIAL READINESS CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE”](#).

The [civil case management cover sheet](#) has been updated and located [here](#).