



**OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Washington County Courthouse
145 NE Second Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Rules and Expectations for Criminal Judicial Settlement Conferences

The court expects the state, defense and the defendant to appear for the settlement conference. The process will involve speaking to the lawyers and then speaking to the defendant. A confidential settlement memorandum not more than **two (2)** pages should be submitted to assist the judge in understanding the aspects of the case. It must be submitted **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM THE DAY BEFORE** the JSC for the court to review. The memo should address the following things:

1. Who is your client and what should I know about them?
2. What facts are in dispute?
3. What are the defenses that are being asserted?
4. Obstacles to settlement to date from your client's perspective.
5. Are there any pending legal issues that might impact settlement? (Pending motions?)

As Washington County has a limited number of trial judges, each party will be required to sign a waiver of any conflict of me acting as both settlement judge and later as the trial judge. I would not likely take a jury waiver on a case I had a settlement conference. I look forward to trying to assist in resolving your dispute.

Sincerely,

Judge Erik Buchér

Judge Hafez Daraee

Judge Brandon Thompson