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2026 Calendar
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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSURE POLICY
Circuit Court is closed when the City Government (not Alexandria City Public Schools) is closed or when the City Government is two (2) or more hours late in opening due to inclement weather or emergency. Refer to the City's website at www.alexandriava.gov for updates.

CIRCUIT COURT WEBSITE **www.alexandriava.gov/circuitcourt**
Local procedures: Civil, including civil Motions Day guidance and filing deadlines.
Local procedures: Criminal, including guidance and available trial dates.

2026 HOLIDAYS and EARLY CLOSURES

January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	M.L. King Jr. Day
February 16	George Washington Day
May 11-15	No court hearings; Judges away at Judicial Conference
May 25	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth observed
July 3	Independence Day observed
September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Indigenous Peoples Day
November 3	Election Day (Courts are closed; state holiday)
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25	Early closure at 12:00pm for Thanksgiving holiday
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 27	City holiday
December 23 NEW	Early closure at 12:00pm for Christmas holiday
December 24	City holiday
December 25	Christmas Day observed
December 31 NEW	Supreme Court holiday

B. CIVIL CASES

1. (civil) remote MOTIONS DAY dates — Remote hearing only

Remote hearings only. Refer to website and scroll to "Motions Day" sections for remote motions day praecipe and filing deadlines. Remote motions day docket, meeting links and telephone call-in numbers are posted to the website 2 business days prior to the remote Motions Day hearing.

2026 Motions Day Dates

January	14, 28	
February	11, 25	
March	11, 25	
April	8, 22	
May	6*, 27	(May 6 is 1st Wednesday due to Judicial conf on May 13)
June	10, 24	
July	8, 22	
August	12, 26	
September	9, 23	
October	14, 28	
November	4*, 25*	(Nov. 4 is 1st Wednesday due to holiday on Nov. 11) (Nov. 25: Court closes at 12:00pm; no 2:00pm docket)
December	9, 23*	(Dec. 23: Court closes at 12:00pm; no 2:00pm docket)

2. (civil) SELECTION OF TRIAL DATE HEARINGS — in 4th floor lobby at 9:00am

For appeals from GDC and JDR. Hearings held in-person in the 4th floor lobby. **TO AVOID COMING TO COURT (must be done prior to the Selection of Trial Date hearing date),** counsel and pro se litigants may call a court administrator together at **703.746.4123** on the same telephone call to schedule a trial date.

2026 Selection of Trial Date hearings

January	12	July	13
February	9	August	10
March	9	September	14
April	13	October	13 (Tuesday)
May	11	November	9
June	8	December	14

3. **(civil) STATUS CONFERENCES** **by telephone only 703.746.4123**

After receiving the status conference/docket call notice, Counsel and/or pro se litigants call a court administrator at **703.746.4123** together on the same telephone conference call to discuss the status of the case or to schedule a trial date if appropriate. **Deadline for telephone calls: 1:00pm on the date of the status conference.**

2026 Status Conference/Docket Call dates

January	12	July	13
February	9	August	10
March	9	September	14
April	13	October	13 (Tuesday)
May	11	November	9
June	8	December	14

4. **(civil) TERM DAY HEARINGS** **in 4th floor lobby at 9:00am**

For cases scheduled by counsel or pro se litigant for a Term Day to select a trial date if appropriate. **HEARINGS** are held in-person in the 4th floor lobby. **TO DOCKET** a Term Day hearing, follow the guidance on the Court's website > scroll to "Term Day". **TO AVOID COMING TO COURT (must be done prior to the Term Day date)** counsel and pro se litigants may call a court administrator together at **703.746.4123** on the same telephone call to schedule a trial date.

2026 Term Day hearings

January	12	July	13
March	9	September	14
May	11	November	9

5. **(civil) UNCONTESTED 9:00 a.m. DOCKET** **in-person in a 4th floor courtroom**

TYPES OF HEARINGS ALLOWED: Appointment of guardian, uncontested divorces, garnishments, infant settlements, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status; wrongful death settlement. **TO SCHEDULE:** Call a court administrator at **703.746.4123** to schedule, then file a mandatory praecipe in Room 307. **GUIDANCE** is on the Court's website > scroll to "Uncontested 9:00 a.m. Docket".

2026 Uncontested 9:00am docket dates

January	16, 30	July	10, 24
February	13, 27	August	14, 28
March	13, 27	September	11, 25
April	10, 24	October	16, 30
May	8, 29	November	13 (Court closed on Nov. 27)
June	12, 26	December	11 (Court closed on Dec 25)

C. CRIMINAL CASES

1. **(criminal) COMMONWEALTH DAY** **10:00 a.m.**

FIRST THURSDAY is a 1 judge docket for time-sensitive, non-substantive matters only lasting up to 1 hour. Refer to website for filing deadlines and examples of allowable matters on a First Thursday docket. **REGULAR CW DAY** is 2 to 3 judges for matters lasting up to 2 hours. Refer to website for filing deadlines for the Regular CW Day docket. **RESTITUTION DOCKET** is on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Allowed on 1st Thursday.	Allowed on Regular CW Day
* 1 judge	* 2 to 3 judges.
* Motions or bench trials up to 1 hour	* Motions or bench trials up to 2 hours
* Jury trial may start on 1st Thursday	* No jury trials can start on a Regular CW Day
* Substantive motions not allowed	* Substantive motions: Filing deadline Friday 12:00pm 2 weeks prior (response: Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior)
* Non-substantive motions: same as Regular CW Day	* Non-substantive motion: Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior (response: Tuesday 12:00pm)
* Add-ons (if allowed): Same as Reg CW Day	* Add-ons (if allowed): Tuesday at 1:00pm
* Docket publication: Same as Reg CW Day	* Docket: draft published on Friday; final published on Wednesday
	* All deadlines advanced by one day for each day the court is closed for holiday

2026 Commonwealth Day dates

First Thursday			**Regular CW Day**	
January	--		January	8, 15, 22, 29
February	5	(1 judge; short docket)	February	12, 19, 26
March	5	(1 judge; short docket)	March	12, 19, 26
April	2	(1 judge; short docket)	April	9, 16, 23, 30
May	7	(1 judge; short docket)	May	21, 28 (No Court on May 14)
June	4	(1 judge; short docket)	June	11, 18, 25
July	2	(1 judge; short docket)	July	9, 16, 23, 30
August	6	(1 judge; short docket)	August	13, 20, 27
September	3	(1 judge; short docket)	September	10, 17, 24
October	1	(1 judge; short docket)	October	8, 15, 22, 29
November	5	(1 judge; short docket)	November	12, 19 (No Court on Nov 26)
December	3	(1 judge; short docket)	December	10, 17, 31 (No Court on Dec 24)

2. **(criminal) GRAND JURY dates** **9:00 a.m.**

A Grand Jury is convened every month at 9:00am

2026 Grand Jury dates

January	12 (new GJ)	July	13 (new GJ)
February	9	August	10
March	9 (new GJ)	September	143 (new GJ)
April	13	October	13 (Tuesday)
May	18 (new GJ) 3rd Monday	November	9 (new GJ)
June	8	December	14

3. **(criminal) TMAD dates** **9:00 a.m.**

Traffic and Misdemeanor Appeals Docket (TMAD) starts at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Refer to website for docketing deadlines for all matters, including jury trials. **Allowed on TMAD docket:** Hearings and trials up to 3 hours. Jury trials for misdemeanor cases if scheduled at least 6 weeks in advance. **Not allowed on TMAD docket:** Hearings, bench trials or jury trials over 3 hours (schedule for a date-certain after consulting list of available criminal trial slots posted on the Criminal Local Procedures page of the Court's website). **Friday TMAD jury trials** may be scheduled if the case has 3 witnesses maximum total (for both sides); 3 hours total for evidence presentation; and jury deliberations start no later than 1:00 p.m.

2026 TMAD dates

January	20	July	21
February	17	August	18
March	17	September	15
April	21	October	20
May	19	November	17
June	16	December	15