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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. 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. For updates, refer to the City's website at www.alexandriava.gov or call the City Employee Hotline at 703.746.4636.

2. WEBSITE FOR ALEXANDRIA CIRCUIT COURT (JUDGES' CHAMBERS).

www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt Includes information on civil local procedures including civil Motions Day, as well as criminal local procedures and criminal available trial dates.

3. 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	Judicial Conference (<i>no judges; no court hearings</i>), Court offices are open
May 25	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
July 3	Independence Day observed
September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Indigenous Peoples Day
November 3	Election Day (state holiday)
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25	Court closes at 12:00 p.m. (early closure)
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 27	Thanksgiving – City holiday
December 24	Christmas Eve – City holiday
December 25	Christmas Day

4. **MOTIONS DAY****2026 Motions Day hearing dates**

January 14	May 6 (1 st Wednesday of month)	September 9
January 28	May 27	September 23
February 11	June 10	October 14
February 25	June 24	October 28
March 11	July 8	November 4 (1 st Wednesday of month)
March 25	July 22	November 25 (no 2:00pm docket)
April 8	August 12	December 9
April 22	August 26	December 23

- A. **Remote hearings only** on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (exceptions may apply for May due to the annual Judicial Conference and months in which one of these dates is a holiday).
- (1) 10:00am docket – up to 25 minutes per case.
 - (2) 2:00pm docket – by special permission (call a Law Clerk) up to 3 hours per case
- B. **To Docket:** Use the remote motions day praecipe (available on the Court's website at www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt).
- C. **Filing deadlines** are posted on the Court's website (scroll to Motions Day sections).
- D. **2 business days prior:**
- (1) **Meeting links and telephone call-in information** will be emailed by the law clerks to all counsel and parties included on the remote motions day praecipe.
 - (2) **Motions Day docket, meeting links and telephone call-in information** will be posted to the Court's website (www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt; scroll to Motions Day section).

5. **SELECTION OF TRIAL DATE HEARINGS for appeals from GDC and JDR****2026 Selection of Trial Date hearings**

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

- A. Held **in-person** in the 4th floor lobby 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month (or the next business day if that date is a holiday)
- B. Telephone call in is allowed on any date prior to the set-date hearing. Counsel and/or pro se litigants shall call **703.746.4123** together on the same telephone conference call to select a trial date.

6. **STATUS CONFERENCES / DOCKET CALL (scheduled by the Court)****2026 Status conference / docket call dates**

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

Telephone calls only to 703.746.4123. After receiving the mailed notice, counsel and/or pro se litigants call together on the same telephone conference call to discuss the status of the case or to schedule a trial date if the complaint has been served.

→ 1:00 p.m. deadline on the date of the status conference for counsel to call.

7. **TERM DAY (scheduled by counsel or pro se litigant)****2026 Term Day hearing dates (2nd Monday of the month)**

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

- A. **To Docket:** File the Term Day praecipe in the Clerk's office. Service must be properly effected and 21 days must have passed before a trial date will be scheduled.
- B. **Filing deadlines** are posted on the Court's website (scroll to Term Day section).
- C. **Prior to Term Day:** Counsel and/or pro se litigants may call **703.746.4123** together on the same telephone conference call to select a trial date.
- D. **On Term Day,** Counsel and/or pro se litigants **appear together in the 4th floor lobby** to select a trial date.

8. **UNCONTESTED 9:00 A.M. DOCKET (scheduled by counsel or pro se litigant)****2026 Uncontested 9:00 a.m. hearing dates**

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

- A. **To Docket:** (1) File all necessary documents in Room 307 and deliver a mandatory copy to the 4th floor drop box prior to the filing deadline (posted on the website); and (2) Call **703.746.4123** to schedule the hearing prior to the deadline.
- B. **Intended for** appointment of guardian, divorces (uncontested; ore tenus hearing); garnishments, infant settlements, special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) hearings; and wrongful death hearings.
- C. **Instructions** on the Court's website www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt (uncontested docket at 9:00 a.m.)
- D. **In-person hearing will be held** on the 4th floor of the courthouse.

9. **COMMONWEALTH DAY – REGULAR CW DAY DOCKET 10:00 a.m.****2026 Regular CW Day dates**

January 8, 15, 22, 29 *January does not have a First Thursday	July 9, 16, 23, 30 *July 2 is First Thursday
February 12, 19, 26 *February 5 is First Thursday	August 13, 20, 27 *August 6 is First Thursday
March 12, 19, 26 *March 5 is First Thursday	Sept 10, 17, 24 *September 3 is First Thursday
April 9, 16, 23, 30 *April 2 is First Thursday	October 8, 15, 22, 29 *October 1 is First Thursday
May 7, 21, 28 *May 14: No court; judges away	November 12, 19 *November 5 is First Thursday *November 26 is a holiday
June 11, 18, 25 *June 4 is First Thursday	December 10, 17, 31 *December 3 is First Thursday *December 24 is a holiday
See below for First Thursday information	

- A. **Allowed on Regular CW Day.**
 (1) **2 hours or less.** Two or three judges will be assigned to the docket.
 (2) **Bench trials only.** No jury trials may be docketed to start on a Regular CW Day.
- B. **Not Allowed on a Regular CW Day.**
 (1) **Motions or trials over 2 hours.** These matters shall be scheduled for a date-certain to have the matter heard on a non-CW Day.
- C. **Filing deadlines:** Refer to Criminal Local Procedures that are posted on the website at www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt.

10. **COMMONWEALTH DAY – FIRST THURSDAY at 10:00 a.m.****2026 First Thursday CW Day dates (1 hour or less; only certain types of matters)**

See below to determine what motions may be heard on First Thursday

January (no First Thursday)	July 2
February 5	August 6
March 5	September 3
April 2	October 1
May (no First Thursday)	November 5
June 4	December 3

A. Allowed on First Thursday. Time sensitive and non-substantive matters only. One hour or less time limitation.	
<u>Competency evaluations</u>	<u>Plea disposition</u> (if within 1 week of trial date)
<u>Continuance motions</u>	<u>Reconsiderations</u> (with judge's advance permission and if Defendant is transported)
<u>Expert fund motions</u>	<u>Set-aside verdicts</u> (with judge's advance permission and if Defendant is transported)
<u>Furlough motions</u>	<u>Set-date motions</u>
<u>Jury election/waiver</u>	<u>Show cause hearings</u>
<u>Motions</u> (non-substantive only)	<u>Waiver of speedy trial motions</u>
<u>Motions in limine</u> (only if this is final Thursday prior to trial date)	<u>Withdrawal of counsel motions</u>
<u>Note counsel/set date</u>	

B. NOT ALLOWED ON FIRST THURSDAY. Schedule for a Regular CW Day.	
Motions – substantive	
Trials	

C. FILING DEADLINES FOR COMMONWEALTH DAY Refer to Website > Scroll to Criminal Local Procedures

11. **GRAND JURY****2026 Grand Jury dates (2nd Monday of the month, except for May)**

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

12. **TRAFFIC AND MISDEMEANOR APPEALS DOCKET (TMAD)****2026 TMAD dates (3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.)**

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

A. Allowed:

- (1) **Hearings and bench trials three hours or less.**
- (2) **Jury trials for misdemeanor appeal cases three hours or less if the jury trial is scheduled at least **6 weeks in advance**.**

B. Not Allowed on TMAD docket

- (1) **Hearings and bench trials over 2 hours.** These matters shall be scheduled for a set-date to schedule a date-certain. Counsel are encouraged to consult the Available Criminal Trial Slots List that is posted on the Court's website at www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt > scroll to criminal local procedures.
- (2) Misdemeanor Appeal jury trials **over 3 hours** (see below).

C. Misdemeanor Appeal Jury Trials

- (1) **3 hours or less** may be scheduled for a TMAD docket if the jury trial is **scheduled at least 6 weeks in advance**.
- (2) **3 hours or more** may be scheduled for a **Friday at 10:00 a.m.** if all of the following conditions are met: **3 witnesses maximum; evidence presentation limited to 3 hours; jury deliberations estimated to start no later than 1:00 p.m.**
- (3) **3 hours or more** (and cannot meet the above restrictions) may be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on a date-certain. Counsel shall consult the list of available criminal trial slots that is posted on the criminal local procedures website.