

Circuit Court of Alexandria, Virginia

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July 2, 2026 10:00am First Thursday CW Day	July 9, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day
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Substantive motions on First Thursday NOT ALLOWED on First Thursday.	Substantive motions on Regular CW Day allowed only if the filing deadlines are met Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 2 weeks prior June 25 (early; 7/3 holiday) (2) Response due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 2 (early; 7/3 holiday)
Non-Substantive motions: 1st Thursday Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior June 26 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior June 30 Motions allowed on First Thursday: 1 hour or less; bond appeal; competency eval/hearing; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); deferred disposition; expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; prob violation (if uncontested); set date; speedy trial waiver Motions in limine allowed only if the last CW Day prior to trial date Cannot be scheduled on 1st Thursday docket : Constitutional; substantive; reconsideration (unless that judge is assigned to 1st Thursday docket)	Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 2 (early; 7/3 holiday) (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior July 7 Motions allowed on Regular CW Day All non-substantive motions --- Motions listed in "First Thursday" column and --- Probation violations; reconsiderations with judge's prior approval and if that judge is sitting for the specific docket
Allowable add-on motions: 1st Thursday Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior June 30 Allowable add-ons for First Thursday Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing	Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior July 7 Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing

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July 16, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day + Restitution docket	July 23, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day	July 30, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day
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Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 10 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior July 14 Motions allowed on Regular CW Day All non-substantive motions --- Motions listed in "First Thursday" column and and --- Probation violations; reconsiderations with judge's prior approval and if that judge is sitting for the specific docket	Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 17 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior July 21 Motions allowed on Regular CW Day All non-substantive motions --- Motions listed in "First Thursday" column and and --- Probation violations; reconsiderations with judge's prior approval and if that judge is sitting for the specific docket	Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 24 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior July 28 Motions allowed on Regular CW Day All non-substantive motions --- Motions listed in "First Thursday" column and --- Probation violations; reconsiderations with judge's prior approval and if that judge is sitting for the specific docket
Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior July 14 Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing	Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior July 21 Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing	Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior July 28 Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing

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August 6, 2026 10:00am First Thursday CW Day	August 13, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day
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Non-Substantive motions: 1st Thursday Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior July 31 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior August 4	Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior August 7 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior August 11
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<p>August 20, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day + Restitution docket</p>	<p>August 27, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day</p>
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<p>Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior August 18</p> <p>Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing</p>	<p>Allowable add-on motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadline Tuesday 1:00pm 2 days prior August 25</p> <p>Allowable add-ons for Regular CW Day Bond appeals; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; probation violation (if resolved); set date; speedy trial hearing</p>

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September 3, 2026 10:00am First Thursday CW Day	September 10, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day
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<p>Non-Substantive motions: 1st Thursday Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior August 28 (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior September 1</p> <p>Motions allowed on First Thursday: 1 hour or less; bond appeal; competency eval/hearing; continuance; counsel (note; substitute or withdraw); deferred disposition; expert funds; furlough; jury election or waiver; plea disposition; prob violation (if uncontested); set date; speedy trial waiver</p> <p>Motions in limine allowed only if the last CW Day prior to trial date</p> <p>Cannot be scheduled on 1st Thursday docket : Constitutional; substantive; reconsideration (unless that judge is assigned to 1st Thursday docket)</p>	<p>Non-Substantive motions: Regular CW Day Filing deadlines (1) Motion due Friday 12:00pm 1 week prior Sept. 3 (early; 9/7 holiday) (2) Response due Tuesday 12:00pm 2 days prior September 8</p> <p>Motions allowed on Regular CW Day All non-substantive motions --- Motions listed in "First Thursday" column and --- Probation violations; reconsiderations with judge's prior approval and if that judge is sitting for the specific docket</p>
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September 17, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day + Restitution docket	September 24, 2026 10:00am Regular CW Day
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