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2027 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.

CIRCUIT COURT WEBSITE [Circuit Court Judges website](http://www.alexandriava.gov/CircuitCourt)

Local procedures: Civil, including civil Motions Day guidance and filing deadlines.

Local procedures: Criminal, including guidance and available criminal trial slots.

HOLIDAYS and EARLY CLOSURES.

January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	M.L. King Jr. Day
February 15	George Washington Day
May 10-14	No court hearings; Judges away at Judicial Conference
May 31	Memorial Day
June 18	Juneteenth observed
July 5	Independence Day observed
September 6	Labor Day
October 11	Indigenous Peoples Day
November 2	Election Day (Courts are closed; state holiday)
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Early closure at 12:00pm for Thanksgiving holiday
November 25	Thanksgiving
November 26	City holiday
December 24	Christmas Day observed

B. CIVIL CASES

1. **MOTIONS DAY dates** **In-person in 4th floor courtroom**

In-person hearings resumed on 10/14/2026. On website (“Motions Day” sections)

Refer to website and scroll to “Motions Day” sections for

- Motions day praecipe (in-person hearings)
- Specific motions day dates and filing deadlines

2027 Motions Day dates

January	13, 27
February	10, 24
March	10, 24
April	14, 28
May	5*, 26 (5/5 is 1 st Wednesday due to Judicial conf on 5/12)
June	9, 23
July	14, 28
August	11, 25
September	8, 22
October	13, 27
November	10, 24* (11/24/27: Court closes at 12:00pm; no 2:00pm docket)
December	8, 22

2. **SELECTION OF TRIAL DATE HEARINGS** **In-person in 4th floor lobby at 9:00am**

Hearings are held in-person in the 4th floor lobby. Follow instructions below.

A. **GDC and JDR appeals (except JDR termination cases).**

- B. **JDR Termination cases** are expedited and shall be assigned a selection of trial date hearing on a date within 7 days from the date that the appeal was noted.

To select trial date

- (1) **Prior to selection of trial date hearing.** Counsel and pro se litigants call the Court at 703.746.4123 together on the same telephone conference call. Speak with a court administrator to select a trial date (have your calendar available). File a Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order after scheduling the trial date. -or-
- (2) **Assigned date/time.** Attend hearing on the 4th floor of the courthouse (bring your calendar with you). Sign a Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order at the hearing.

2027 Selection of Trial Date Hearings

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

3. **STATUS CONFERENCE/DOCKET CALL**

by telephone only 703.746.4123
Until 1:00 p.m. on date of status conf.

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. Telephones are answered 8:30am to 1:00pm, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

2027 Status Conference/docket call hearings

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

4. **TERM DAY HEARINGS**

In-person in 4th floor lobby at 9:00am

Counsel or pro se litigant may schedule a Term Day hearing for the purpose of selecting a trial date if appropriate. Term Day hearings are held in-person in the 4th floor lobby.

- (a) To docket for Term Day: Follow guidance on Court's website > scroll to "Term Day".
- (b) To select trial date
 - (1) Prior to Term Day. Counsel and pro se litigants call the Court at 703.746.4123 together on the same telephone conference call. Speak with a court administrator to select a trial date (have your calendar available). File a Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order after scheduling the trial date. -or-
 - (2) Assigned date/time. Attend hearing on the 4th floor of the courthouse (bring your calendar with you). Sign a Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order at the hearing.

2027 Term Day schedule

January	11
March	8
May	10
July	12
September	13
November	8

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

For ore tenus divorce hearings to be held at 9:00 a.m. in a 4th floor courtroom on select Fridays (refer to specific hearing dates and docketing deadline dates below). Follow guidance on Court's website > scroll to "Uncontested 9:00 a.m. docket".

All other cases shall be scheduled for an in-person Motions Day hearing (in-person motions day hearings resumed as of 10/14/2026 and thereafter).

<u>2027 Uncontested 9:00 a.m. docket</u>	<u>Docketing and Filing deadline</u>
January 15	12/23/2026 (early due to holidays)
January 29	1/7/2027
February 12	1/21/2027
February 26	2/4/2027
March 12	2/18/2027
March 26	3/4/2027
April 16	3/25/2027
April 30	4/8/2027
May 7 (*date is early due to Judicial Conf.)	4/15/2027
May 28	5/6/2027
June 11	5/20/2027
June 25	6/3/2027
July 16	6/24/2027
July 30	7/8/2027
August 13	7/22/2027
August 27	8/5/2027
September 10	8/19/2027
September 24	9/2/2027
October 15	9/23/2027
October 29	10/7/2027
November 12	10/21/2027
December 10	11/18/2027

C. CRIMINAL CASES

1. COMMONWEALTH DAY 10:00 a.m. - In-person in 4th floor courtroom

A. CONSTITUTIONAL OR SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

shall be scheduled only on a Regular CW Day docket (not First Thursday)

Filing deadlines:

Motion: Friday at 12:00 p.m. two (2) weeks prior to hearing date.

Response: Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. on the same week as the hearing date.

- B. COMMONWEALTH DAY. There are 2 types of CW Day dockets. All matters shall be scheduled for a CW Day docket or for a date-certain. Refer to the Court's website "Circuit Court Local Procedures-Criminal" for updates to this guidance.

FIRST THURSDAY CW DAY is a short, 1 judge docket for time-sensitive, non-substantive matters (motions or bench trials) that are anticipated to last 1 hour or less.

- (1) Allowed on First Thursday (refer to "Regular CW Day" list below)

* Time sensitive, non-substantive matters if 1 hour or less

* Jury trial may start on First Thursday if space allows (refer to available criminal trial slots)

REGULAR CW DAY is for all matters lasting up to 2 hours, with 2 or 3 judges scheduled to sit (depending on the docket and carryover cases that are scheduled). Allowable add-on motions are noted below.

- (1) Allowed on Regular CW Day docket. Refer to Local Procedures-Criminal on website

* Filing deadline: Friday at 12:00 p.m. on the week prior to the hearing date

* Add-on filing deadline: Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. on the same week as the hearing date

* Deadlines are advanced one day for each day the court is closed for a holiday

<u>FIRST THURSDAY</u>		<u>REGULAR CW DAY</u>	
1 judge docket		2 to 3 judges	<u>No Court hearings</u>
2027	(matters up to 1 hour)	(matters up to 2 hours)	
January	7	January 14, 21, 28	May 13 (no judges)
February	4	February 11, 18, 25	
March	4	March 11, 18, 25	
April	1	April 8, 15, 22, 29	
May	6	May 20, 27	
June	3	June 10, 17, 24	Nov 11 and Nov. 25 (holidays)
July	1	July 8, 15, 22, 29	
August	5	August 12, 19, 26	
September	2	Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30	
October	7	Oct. 14, 21, 28	
November	n/a	Nov. 4, 18	
December	2	Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30	

- C. RESTITUTION DOCKET is scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

- D. DATE CERTAIN is for all matters lasting more than 3 hours.

2. **GRAND JURY dates** **9:00 a.m. - In-person in 4th floor courtroom**

A Grand Jury is convened at 9:00 a.m. once a month, typically on the second Monday of the month. The schedule may change in May, depending on the date of the Judicial Conference. A Grand Jury sits for 2 two (2) consecutive months.

2027 Grand Jury dates (*denotes new Grand Jury)

* January	11	
February	8	
* March	8	
April	12	
* May	17	3 rd Monday – Judges are away on May 10
June	14	
* July	12	
August	9	
* September	13	
October	12	Tuesday – October 11 is a holiday
* November	8	
December	13	

3. **TRAFFIC/MISDEMEANOR APPEALS DOCKET 9:00 a.m. - In-person in 4th floor courtroom**

Traffic and Misdemeanor Appeals Docket (TMAD)

Starts at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Docketing guidance - 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 shall be scheduled for a date-certain

Refer to the list of available criminal trial slots that is posted to the Court's website.

Friday TMAD jury trials may be scheduled only 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.

<u>2027 TMAD dates</u>		<u>Docketing deadline for jury trials</u>
January	19	12/7/2026
February	16	1/4/2027
March	16	2/1/2027
April	20	3/8/2027
May	18	4/5/2027
June	15	5/3/2027
July	20	6/7/2027
August	17	7/2/2027 (early due to 7/5 holiday)
September	21	8/9/2027
October	19	9/3/2027 (early due to 9/6 holiday)
November	16	10/4/2027
December	21	11/8/2027