

**Judge Rick De Furia (COURT #17)  
Circuit Criminal, Felony Division IV**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Office Information** - *Judicial Assistant* - Linda Poppell. *Hours* - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed from Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Mailing address* - P.O. Box 48927, Sarasota, FL 34230. *Phone* - 941/861-7929. *FAX* - 941/861-7912. Pleadings or correspondence should not be faxed unless they are time sensitive or of an emergency nature.

**Courtroom Information:** Hearings are held in Courtroom 5C of the Silvertooth Judicial Center, 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34237. Do not address mail to the courtroom.

**Local Rules:** Local Rules for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit are available at [www.sarasotabar.com](http://www.sarasotabar.com), or contact the Sarasota County Bar Association at 941-366-6703. PLEASE NOTE: Local Rules 5a and 5b regarding discovery motions are strictly enforced.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR COURT HEARINGS**

**Courtesy Copies:** The scheduling attorney shall provide a copy of the motion and notice of hearing to Judge De Furia and to opposing counsel at least two full working days prior to the hearing. Memoranda, case law, or other information for the judge to review, should be sent with the motion. DO NOT give case law, etc. to the judge at the hearing. *If there has not been sufficient time for the Court to read the supplemental material, the hearing may need to be rescheduled.*

**Scheduling Pleas/Motion Hearings:** Except for emergency or other special set motions, all pleas and motions shall be set on those days so designated on the court calendar. Assistant state attorneys are in Court on specifically assigned days, and the scheduling attorney should set hearings only on those days that the ASA assigned to the case will be in court. All hearings of 60 minutes or less must be set using the Judicial Automated Calendaring System (JACS), which has hearings available for 10, 15, 30 and 60 minutes. Hearings longer than 60 minutes must be set with the judicial assistant. Please reserve sufficient time for your plea or motion, as Judge De Furia limits hearings to the amount of time scheduled by the attorney.

**Single Defendant/Multiple Cases:** When scheduling a plea or motion for a defendant with multiple cases, enter the lowest felony case number in JACS. It would be appreciated if you would also enter the additional case numbers in the "Additional Information" section in JACS. The notice of hearing must include ALL case numbers.

**Multiple Defendants/Single Motion:** When scheduling a plea or motion for multiple defendants charged in the same incident, only one defendant's case number needs to be entered in JACS. However the notice of hearing and motion should reflect all names and case numbers, and it would be appreciated if you would also enter the additional names and case numbers in the "Additional Information" section in JACS.

**Motions For Rehearing, Reconsideration, or New Trial:** These motions should be submitted directly to the judge's office. You will be notified if a hearing is granted.

**Emergency Hearings:** The motion shall be faxed or delivered directly to the judge, along with a cover letter stating the amount of time required. The motion shall contain certification that the attorney has personally spoken with opposing counsel, or has made diligent attempts to contact opposing counsel, in an effort to resolve the disputed issue prior to requesting an emergency hearing. The judge will review the motion and decide whether or not to grant an expedited hearing.

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