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To: All Interested Parties – Grand Traverse County only
From: Carol Stocking, Court Administrator
Date: April 18, 2019
Subject: 86th District Court Schedule Changes

The Court has been reworking the court schedule to accommodate the new MIDC standards. In an effort to streamline things we will be making the following changes effective Monday, May 6, 2019.

- The Magistrate will be doing all arraignments, including contempt warrants, and they will begin with videos at 9:00 a.m. MIDC attorney paperwork will be available for in-custody videos at 8:00 a.m. We will commit to having paperwork for the other arraignments by 8:30 a.m. (We are working on a long-term plan where the court will provide the MIDC attorney a computer to use during arraignments with access to these documents in an electronic form.)
- Notices sent to defendants will show a time that will allow the MIDC attorney time to meet with defendants **before** the Magistrate is scheduled to take the bench.
- MIDC attorneys **do not** have to meet and assist with in-custody defendants with a collections show cause bench warrant arraignment.
- On Bond Violation arraignments, the MIDC attorney should not have to represent these defendants, as most will have a court appointed attorney or a retained attorney.
- We will be scheduling events in blocks. I have attached the proposed calendar for your review.

- Based on a recent SCAO Juror Utilization Study, SCAO has recommended the 86th District Court eliminate mass jury selections and implement a jury pick and immediate trial system. Status Conferences will be set every Wednesday morning for all trials set for the Thursday and Friday of the same week and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week. Due to docket constraints, one-day trials will only be scheduled in exceptional circumstances. Otherwise, all trials will continue to be half day trials beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- As a side note, the Polycom in conference room in the lobby of the Hall of Justice does work and is available for your use. Printed instructions will be on the wall.

Please let me know if you have any questions about these changes. I can be reached at 922-4502 or cstockin@grandtraverse.org.

Thank you.

Cc: GTLABA members
Indigent Roster
Circuit Court Administration
GT Jail Administration
District Court Staff
Prosecutor

Judge Stepha

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 CIVIL DAY	Society Court	Status Conf	Set for Plea max 5	Leishau Day
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Judge Stepha

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Judge Cooney

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