

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TRIAL COURT

December 9, 2016

To Members of the Berkshire Bar:

We have met to discuss the impact of the simultaneous scheduling of the Trial Readiness Session in the District Court and the Motion Session in the Probate and Family Court on three Thursdays each month. To address the efficient running of both sessions, we have adopted the following protocol to be observed by counsel who have cases scheduled in both sessions.

If counsel has a case scheduled in the Probate and Family Court on Thursday, counsel may report to Judge Estes' sessions clerk, Amy Slattery, as early as Wednesday as to the status of their Jury of Six case. As long as their clients are present at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, they can report in person in the District Court during a convenient break in business at the Probate and Family Court on Thursday morning. They should report to the sessions clerk that they have a pending matter in the Probate and Family Court and the District Court will call their matter as expeditiously as possible.

The three judges will continue to monitor this arrangement to make sure that the needs of both the District Court and Probate and Family Court are being met.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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