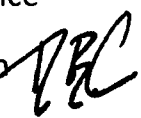


To: Attorneys Practicing in the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit; Roanoke Bar Association; Roanoke County/Salem Bar Association; Commonwealth Attorney's Office; and Public Defender's Office

From: Judge David B. Carson 

Cc: Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judicial Assistants

Date: October 15, 2014

Re: Procedure for Setting Roanoke City Criminal and Civil Cases for trial in 2015 and 2016

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Judge Carson will be the Roanoke City docket judge for 2015 and Judge Dorsey will be the Roanoke City docket judge for 2016.

Effective January 1, 2015, and continuing through 2016, in Roanoke City (as is presently done in Roanoke County and Salem), all criminal cases will be pre-set for trial. After cases are certified, attorneys are strongly encouraged to contact any one of the judicial assistants in Roanoke City to pre-set their case for trial. (If the Grand Jury subsequently returns with "not a true bill", then it is a simple matter to cancel the matter that has already been set for trial.)

With respect to civil cases, as is the ongoing practice, attorneys may continue to pre-set civil cases for trial by contacting any one of the judicial assistants in Roanoke City.

For clarity, Judge Carson's judicial assistant is Martha Riddleberger (853-2436), Judge Dorsey's judicial assistant is Diana Osborne (853-2437), Judge Weckstein's judicial assistant is Dale Hurt (853-2435), and Judge Broadhurst's judicial assistant is Ellen Powell (853-2051).

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