

NOTICE

Misdemeanor and Criminal Traffic Cases ONLY

Under Florida Law, judges and their assistants are prohibited from giving a party any legal advice. Also, judges and their assistants may not discuss pending cases. Judges can only hear evidence and argument in the courtroom, after a motion has been filed and all parties have been given proper notice of the scheduled hearing.

1. COMPLETE THE MOTION FORM

- a. Include your PRINTED name, case number, the type of motion filled in or circled and a brief written reason for the motion.
- b. Sign and date - Include your address and phone number.

2. MAKE 4 COPIES OF THE MOTION

- a. You must either handwrite 4 copies, or the Clerk's Office will make copies at your request for \$1 each.

3. WALK TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR

- a. File the original copy of your motion with the Clerk of Court. If your motion is not filed in the Clerk's office, it will NOT be heard by the Judge, even though you obtained a hearing date and time.
- b. If your motion is to terminate or early release from probation, a receipt from the Clerk's office showing that all fees and costs are paid in full must be attached to the motion form.

4. CALL OR EMAIL THE APPROPRIATE JUDGE:

- a. Judge James Adams (239) 533-2954 or LSHarder@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Josephine Gagliardi (239) 533-8268 or CWalsh@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Devin George (239) 533-2510 or TMockler@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Maria Gonzalez (239) 533-2618 or JNorden@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Zachary Gill (239) 533-2677 or SWallin@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Archie Hayward (239) 533-2913 or KWilkinson@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Tara Paluck (239) 533-8257 or JJohnson@ca.cjis20.org
Judge Andrew Swett (239) 533-9157 or KHroncich@ca.cjis20.org
- b. The judge's assistant will give you a date and time for your hearing.
- c. **You must write the DATE and TIME in the blanks in the "NOTICE OF HEARING" section.** You must either handwrite 4 copies, or the Clerk's Office will make copies at your request for \$1 each.

5. YOU MUST SERVE A COPY OF THE MOTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON BOTH THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE PROBATION OFFICE.

- a. To **serve the State Attorney**, you may go to the State Attorney's Office on the 6th Floor of the Suntrust Building and hand deliver a copy to them; or you may mail a copy to them at PO Box 399 Fort Myers, FL 33902.
- b. To **serve the Lee County Probation Office**, you may go to the Probation Office located at Lee County Justice Center Office 3234, 3rd Floor 1700 Monroe St., Fort Myers, FL 33901 and hand deliver it to them, or mail it to them at PO Box 1057 Fort Myers, FL 33902.
- c. If you choose to mail the copies, you must allow enough time in advance of the hearing so that the notice will be received.

NOTE: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY, WILL RESULT IN YOUR MOTION NOT BEING HEARD.