Local Rule 9071-1 Procedural Stipulations (2013)

(a) Procedural Requirement. An agreement affecting the course or conduct of a trial or hearing must be in writing, signed by the parties, or made a part of the record by oral stipulation.

(b) Court Approval - General. A stipulation between the parties relating to proceedings before the court or modifying a prior order of the court will not be effective until approved by the court.

(c) Stipulations to Continue Proceedings. A stipulation between the parties to continue a hearing or trial before the court will not be effective unless approved by the court. A motion for continuance of a trial must be filed with the court not less than 3 business days before the trial. Unless good cause is shown, where a trial continuance is granted less than 3 business days before the trial date, the court may assess costs equally to the parties including, but not limited to, court costs, reporter costs, and the judge's travel costs and per diem, if any. The clerk must bill the parties for the assessed costs and monitor the collection of the costs for the court.

(d) Continuance of Trial or Hearing Date. The court may continue a trial or hearing for any reason and notice of such continuance shall be given to the parties by the clerk of court, or as otherwise directed by the court. The court may continue a trial or hearing on the date it is to be heard without further notice to parties other than those who appeared at the scheduled trial or hearing. Notice announced on the record at the time of the previously set trial or hearing will suffice.

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