

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**No 02 of 2016**

**In re: Democratic National Convention – July 25, 2016 – July 28, 2016**

**ORDER**

AND now, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, in order to address questions posed regarding the operations of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania (“District”) and all Courts and Departments of the Philadelphia Courts (“Philadelphia Courts”) during the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in Philadelphia from Monday July 25, 2016 to Thursday July 28, 2016, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

(1) The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania (“District”) and all Courts and Departments of the Philadelphia Courts (“Philadelphia Courts”) will be open for business as usual. The filing offices of the Philadelphia Courts will also remain open pursuant to their established schedules.

(2) All Municipal Court and Court of Common Pleas cases (civil, criminal, juvenile, dependency, domestic relations, and Orphans’ Court cases) will be heard as scheduled unless continued on or before their scheduled date.

(3) Continuance requests in dependency and delinquency proceedings are governed by Pa.Rs.J.C.P. 122 and 1122. Continuance requests in criminal cases are governed by Pa.R.Crim.P. 106. In the event a continuance is granted, the judge shall indicate to which party the period of delay caused by the continuance shall be attributed and whether the time will be included in or excluded from the computation of time within which trial must commence in accordance with Rule 600.

(4) The District has been informed that in light of the anticipated attendance at the various Democratic National Convention sponsored events, the Police Department will re-deploy most if not all of the police witnesses scheduled to testify in connection with scheduled juvenile, dependency, criminal and other matters to the Democratic National Convention detail. Given the importance of ensuring that victims and others are not subjected to the inconvenience of being called for cases that cannot be heard, the Court requests the prosecution and defense bar to actively collaborate to identify cases, as far in advance of July 25, 2016 as possible, that could be continued until after July 28, 2016 without prejudicing the rights of the involved parties.

(5) To the extent the prosecution, defense counsel and unrepresented defendants cannot agree to the continuance of impacted cases, continuance requests must be made by the District Attorney’s Office, the defendant’s attorney of record, or the defendant (if not represented) on a case by case basis and will be determined by the appropriate judge on a case by case basis.

This Order shall be filed with the Office of Judicial Records in a Docket maintained for orders issued by the Administrative Governing Board of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and shall be submitted to the Pennsylvania Bulletin for publication. Copies of the order shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, American Lawyer Media, The Legal Intelligencer, Jenkins Memorial Law Library, and the Law Library for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and shall be posted on the website of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania: <http://www.courts.phila.gov/regs>.

**BY THE COURT:**

*/s/ Sheila Woods-Skipper*

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**Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper**

Chair, Administrative Governing Board, FJD

President Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County