

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KING GEORGE

IN RE: ADOPTION OF A CONTINUANCE POLICY
FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 8.01-4, the Court ORDERS the following to be adopted and known as the "Circuit Court of the County of King George Continuance Policy":

A Continuance is granted only by the Court and only for good cause shown.

A. A continuance may be requested by the filing of a written Motion for Continuance filed with the Clerk more than 30 days prior to a trial or hearing date or as soon before trial or hearing date as the circumstances justifying the continuance become known to counsel. The moving party must contemporaneously submit a fully endorsed Order of Continuance or Notice of Hearing on the matter set on the next available court date.

B. No continuance will be granted absent good cause shown. Good cause is established when the underlying eventuality is unforeseen, is not due to the lack of preparation, is relevant, is brought to the Court's attention in a timely manner, and does not prejudice the adversary. Good cause warranting a continuance of a trial or hearing shall be limited to:

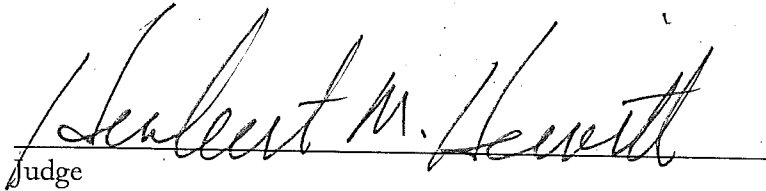
- (1) the death or medical emergency of a party, counsel, or subpoenaed material witness;
- (2) lack of notice to a party, through no fault of that party or that party's counsel;
- (3) settlement of all matters relating to the trial or hearing, pending only the entry of a final agreed order; or

(4) the discovery of facts or circumstances which, in the view of the Court, cannot be sufficiently corrected in order to proceed as scheduled without causing undue hardship or a miscarriage of justice.

A Motion for Continuance made on the morning of trial is not generally viewed favorably.

Pursuant to Rule of the Virginia Supreme Court 1:15, the Clerk shall spread this Order upon the Order Book and post it in the Clerk's Office. This Order shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and shall be furnished to attorneys regularly practicing before this Court.

ENTER this 26th day of June, 2017.


Judge