

March 10, 2023

To All Attorneys handling criminal matters in the Burnet County Court at Law:

Due to the current age and caseload of criminal matters on the dockets of the Burnet County Court at Law, it has become necessary to establish docketing policies. Therefore, effective immediately the following policies are established.

Newly filed misdemeanor cases (filed after January 1, 2023), other than those with pending felonies or ones awaiting laboratory testing, will be given the following settings:

1. Arraignment, which may be waived in writing
2. Status setting 1
3. Status setting 2
4. Announce Ready OR Plea Docket
5. Trial

Pending misdemeanor cases (filed before December 31, 2022) < **250 days old**:

1. Status setting 1
2. Announce Ready OR Plea Docket
3. Trial

Pending misdemeanor cases (filed before December 31, 2022) > **250 days old**:

1. Announce Ready OR Plea Docket
2. Trial

The Announce Ready setting will be the last day a plea bargain may be entered. If no plea bargain is entered at the Announce Ready setting, the case will be moved to the trial docket and no further plea bargains will be accepted by this Court. The only other settings that will be allowed after Announce Ready (but before Trial date) will be pretrial motion settings.

Due to the need to request juries in advance, all dispositive motions, such as motions to suppress must be set and heard prior to the Announce Ready date. All dispositive motions must be written and served on the other party in accordance with the Rules.

The Court is aware that some cases bear unique circumstances, and those cases will be considered on an individual basis.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration and understanding of this matter.



Judge Cody Henson