

**Rule 102. Duties and Operation of the District of Columbia Section**

(a) Duties. Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), a judge or hearing commissioner designated by the Chief Judge sitting in the District of Columbia Section shall conduct proceedings, including non-jury trials, prosecuted in the name of the District of Columbia, except for (1) those cases joined for prosecution in another branch of the Criminal Division under Rule 1, (2) traffic cases which are not joined for prosecution with other cases in the District of Columbia Section, and (3) those cases which are to be conducted in the Tax Division.

(b) Operation.

(1) Time. The District of Columbia Section shall convene promptly at 10:00 a.m.

(2) Jury trial continuances. At arraignment, all cases in which a jury trial is demanded shall be continued for trial to a date on which, according to the Court's calendar of available continued jury trial dates, no more than the maximum permissible number of cases has already been set.

(3) Certification to Criminal Assignment Commissioner. All jury trials shall be certified to the Criminal Assignment Commissioner when ready. Defense attorneys shall be in the District of Columbia Section when their cases are called. No jury trial may be certified to the Criminal Assignment Commissioner unless the attorney and the attorney's client are present, except where the attorney has previously announced ready and has been certified for trial in another case.