

Rule 7. Trials

(a) **IN GENERAL.** All parties must appear for trial as specified in the notice, unless the case has been continued in accordance with Rule 7(c).

(b) **CONFIRMING TRIAL DATE.** In any case in which both parties are represented by counsel, it is the duty of the defendant's attorney to promptly attempt to contact the plaintiff's attorney to confirm the trial date specified in the notice or to seek agreement on a continued date.

(c) **CONTINUANCES.**

(1) *By the Clerk.* The clerk may continue any case once as a matter of course for up to 30 days on a showing that:

(A) the defendant received notice of the trial less than 7 days before the trial date; or

(B) the parties have mutually agreed to a continuance.

(2) *By the Court.* The court may continue any case on a showing of good cause.

(3) *Notice to Parties.* When a continuance is ordered, the clerk must furnish the parties with a notice showing the date and time to which the case has been continued.

COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS

This rule has been amended consistent with the stylistic changes to the civil rules. Former sections (a) and (b) have been eliminated because they addressed administrative processes.