

## Modification to Civil Case Management System in Multnomah County

A clarifying change has been made to Multnomah County's new civil case management procedures regarding motions to disqualify the judge assigned to hear pretrial motions. As a reminder, when a case reaches 120 days from initial filing or approximately two weeks after the first motion is filed (whichever occurs first), the court will send a notice to all parties setting an Initial Case Management Conference (ICMC). These conferences will generally occur within 20 days from the date the notice is sent to the parties. The purposes of the initial conference are to (1) determine the appropriate management track for the case, (2) assign a motion judge who will hear all pending and future pretrial motions, and (3) set a trial readiness conference. All motions to be heard in the case will be scheduled directly with the assigned judge's staff, including motions for an expedited hearing of a motion. Summary judg-

ment motions will continue to be scheduled by the Civil Calendaring Department.

The following clarifying change has been made: **A party's intention to file a motion for change of the assigned motion judge must be announced at the ICMC, or that motion is waived.**

To read the entire *In Brief* article describing the new civil case management system, go to [www.osbplf.org](http://www.osbplf.org), click on *In Brief* under Loss Prevention on the left-side navigation bar, then select Multnomah County New and Improved Civil Case Management Process in the March 2012 issue.

*Thank you to the Multnomah County Case Management Committee for providing this update.*

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