

UNIFORM MOTION CALENDARS (UMC)

CIVIL: Monday – Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP: Thursday and Friday at 8:45 a.m.

Location for hearing notices: St. Lucie County Courthouse
218 South 2nd Street, **Courtroom “I”**
Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950

UMCs are for non-evidentiary hearings that take no more than 10 minutes total to hear (5 minutes each side) for simple matters which can be resolved without the judge having to reserve ruling. If the written motion is more than 4 pages and if you feel the need to submit a legal memorandum (separately or in your motion), the hearing is probably not appropriate for UMC. Do not set a hearing on UMC just because you are not happy that it will be several weeks before there is hearing time available for specially set hearings.

If the court is not able to resolve the motion with 10 minutes of hearing time, the motion will need to be specially set for a hearing. If the court runs out of time on the UMC to get to your case, the matter will have to be re-noticed for another time. If you have to re-notice the hearing, you must re-submit copies of the written materials submitted because Judge Conner does not save the materials (he has no way of keeping track of when the matter is re-set for hearing). Judge Conner does not read the motion before going to UMC because generally, a substantial number of the motions set get resolved and no attorney appears to argue the motion.

Copies of the motion and notice of hearing *must be* furnished *by mail, and not by fax*, to the Judge’s office **at least 5 business days** prior to the UMC. Judge Conner will not hear the motion if the notice requirements that not been complied with.

Telephonic Appearance is permitted at UMCs (see **Telephonic Appearance** link).

Scheduling: Please view the court's monthly calendars which reflect Uniform Motion Calendars dates and suspension dates (No UMC). Pick a date **coordinated with opposing counsel** and file your notice of hearing and motion with the Clerk of Court. Send a courtesy copy of the notice and motion to Judge Conner's Office.

Hearing Procedure: Sign in when you arrive and the Court will take your case on a first-come-first-serve basis. Attorneys/parties attending in person will be taken first and then attorneys/parties attending via CourtCall will be taken next. If time runs short then any emergency matters will be taken ahead of the other matters.

Proposed Orders. *Do not* submit proposed orders in advance of the hearing. Bring the proposed order with sufficient copies for conforming and self addressed self stamped envelopes for mailing to the hearing or submit after the hearing.

Please note: *The judicial assistant does not track UMC hearings. Do not call the judge's office to check to see if your case has been set on a UMC or if the court has received a package from your office. It is not necessary to call the Judge's Office to cancel a UMC hearing. If no one appears then the case will not be called for hearing.*