

UNIFORM MOTION CALENDARS (UMC)

(Revised: May 27, 2011)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES CAREFULLY!!! *As of the above-listed date, Judge Vaughn's UMC procedures have changed.*

Scheduling: *Effective immediately ALL UMC hearings will be coordinated through Judge Vaughn's judicial assistant. Please contact the office at (772) 462-2382 to reserve a 10 min. hearing slot. You will still be required to coordinate the date with opposing counsel and file your notice of hearing and motion with the Clerk of Court and to send a courtesy copy of the notice and motion to Judge Vaughn's Office.*

Location for hearing notices: St. Lucie County Courthouse
218 South 2nd Street, **Courtroom "B"**
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 Vaughn does not save the materials (he has no way of keeping track of when the matter is re-set for hearing). Judge Vaughn 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 Vaughn will not hear the motion if the notice requirements have not been complied with.

***Telephonic Appearance** from this date forward is permitted at UMCs **only via CourtCall**. If you wish to appear by telephone, **please contact CourtCall directly @ 1-888-882-6878** (see **Telephonic Appearance** link).

Hearing Procedure: Judge Vaughn **does not** use the sign in procedure for UMC's. Attorneys/parties attending in person will be taken first *alphabetically by plaintiff name* and the 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.

If the UMC hearing is going to be cancelled, please place a courtesy call to the Judge's Office to cancel the hearing. However, if no one appears then the case will not be called for hearing.