

MEMORANDUM / NOTICE TO THE BAR & POSTING ON WEBSITE

From the Presiding Judge

Re: Changes to Benton County Civil Docket Scheduling

Memo Date: 5/19/2026

Effective date: 6/26/2026 [confirmation begins 6/18/2026 due to the holiday]

Effective beginning with the June 26, 2026 Civil Docket in Benton County, the following schedule changes will apply:

- Civil – Under Ten Motions: Fridays at 8:30 a.m. (previously 1:30 p.m.)
- Civil – Motions for Summary Judgment and Motions Over 10 Minutes: Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (previously 1:30 p.m.)
- Civil – Unlawful Detainers: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. (remains the same)

**All civil under-ten-minute motions, motions for summary judgment, and motions estimated over 10 minutes must be re-noted as necessary to reflect the correct hearing time.**

Confirmation Requirements for Summary Judgment and Over-Ten-Minute Motions

Beginning the week of June 19, 2026 (officially June 18 due to the June 19 holiday), for all motions scheduled June 26, 2026, and thereafter, summary judgment and over-ten-minute motions must be confirmed by email at:

[civilconfirmations@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:civilconfirmations@co.benton.wa.us)

Rule Reminder:

Summary judgment and over-ten-minute motions shall be confirmed no sooner than Friday at 8:00 a.m. and no later than Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the week preceding the scheduled hearing.

Confirmation Timeline Example:

- Friday: Confirmation period begins after 8:00 a.m.
- Monday: Confirmation period ends by 12:00 p.m.
- Friday (following): Summary Judgment hearing noted.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				Confirmation time begins after 8:00 am
Confirmation time ends by 12:00 pm				Summary Judgment Noted

### Additional Notes

- Phone call confirmations will not be accepted (**email only**) after 6/17/2026. Judicial Assistants are in court during these times and will not be available to take confirmation calls.

- All other existing rules and procedures remain in effect.