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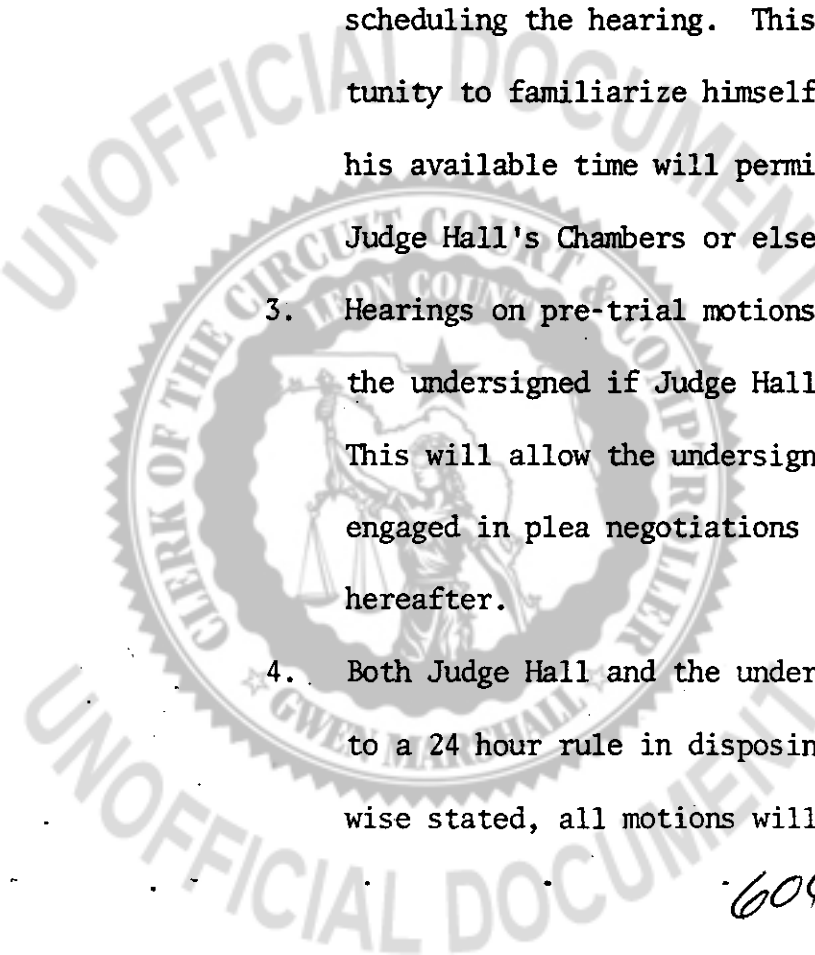
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IN RE: Pre-trial hearings in Criminal cases

I am receiving a growing number of expressions of concern from attorneys that the four hours per week presently available for pre-trial motions hearings are inadequate. Accordingly, I have asked Judge Hall and he has agreed to devote his available Tuesdays to hearing motions rather than trying cases, at least for awhile. In order that full advantage may be taken of this increase of hearing time, the following is suggested:

1. All hearings before Judge Hall or the undersigned should be scheduled as soon as the need for a hearing becomes apparent to the attorney filing the motion.
2. Hearings before Judge Hall should be scheduled at least by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday afternoon preceeding the Tuesday hearing. The attorney scheduling the hearing shall be responsible for seeing that the original of the motion and supporting memorandum, if any, is in the Court file before scheduling the hearing. This will give Judge Hall an opportunity to familiarize himself with the matter to be heard as his available time will permit. Hearings will be held in Judge Hall's Chambers or elsewhere as he directs.
3. Hearings on pre-trial motions should only be scheduled before the undersigned if Judge Hall's Tuesday calendar is filled. This will allow the undersigned time to meet with attorneys engaged in plea negotiations as will be more fully explained hereafter.
4. Both Judge Hall and the undersigned will endeavor to adhere to a 24 hour rule in disposing of pre-trial motions. Otherwise stated, all motions will be ruled upon within three



working days after the day the motion is heard if at all possible.

- 5. Unless required by Appellate Court decision or some applicable Criminal Rule, no pre-trial motion will be heard after the Docket has sounded on the case to which the motion applies. All pre-trial motions not heard and disposed of by Docket Sounding will be deemed to have been waived.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 28th day of September, 1981.

Charles E. Miner, Jr.

CHARLES E. MINER, JR.
CHIEF CRIMINAL JUDGE

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