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CONFERENCES:

Civil: A preliminary conference will be held within 45 (forty-five) days of the Court's receipt of a filed RJL. All conferences before the IAS Judge or Law Clerk. Pleadings and a brief summary of the case in letter form are required in advance of the initial conference via first class mail only. Adjournments granted with the consent of all parties, subject to the Court's approval by contacting the Court's Secretary.

Matrimonial: Preliminary conferences will be scheduled upon assignment. Clients must be present at all conferences. Pleadings, discovery demands, 236B Affidavits, motions, responses, prior Orders, settlement proposals, proposed stipulations and agreements should be submitted via first class mail only to the Court seven (7) days prior to the conference. Adjournments granted with consent of parties, subject to the Court's approval, by contacting Court's Secretary. Trial will be scheduled at the preliminary conference.

MOTIONS: CPLR service applies.

Asbestos: 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Hard copies of e-filed motion papers to be delivered to Mary Lou Hayden.

Civil and Matrimonial: 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Civil - Hard copies of e-filed cases are **not required** unless requested by the Court.

Matrimonial - Hard copies of motion papers to be delivered to chambers.

NOTE: Motions will be automatically adjourned to the following special term if any papers are received/filed after the Wednesday prior to the return date. No fax or e-mail submissions are permitted. Adjournment of motions may be granted on consent of parties, subject to approval by the Court. Motions cannot be adjourned generally. Confirmation of an adjournment, with notice of rescheduled dates, must be made in writing to the Court and all parties. Only Orders

approved by all counsel, with notice of such approval to the Court should be submitted for signature.

TROs must be on notice, if other attorney known. Requests for TROs on cases assigned to another Judge will be considered only upon prior approval of the IAS Judge or his/her Law Clerk. All other hearings to be scheduled by contacting the Court.

TRIAL and REFERENCES:

Trial dates are considered to be "date certain." Adjournments granted by Judge only.

Asbestos: Jury selection on Tuesdays. Motions in limine to be made returnable at least 8 days prior to jury selection. Motions in limine to be filed on or before the date set in the case scheduling orders; any motions filed thereafter will not be considered by the Court.

Civil: Jury selection on Fridays. Motions in limine to be made returnable on the civil special term date prior to jury selection. Counsel is to report to the Court upon completion of jury selection. Charge conference held prior to summations. All other matters governed by the Trial Order.

Matrimonial: Referred to Law Clerk to hear and report on stipulation on divorces, contested economics, post-divorce arrears and post-divorce modification. All other matters governed by the Trial Order.