

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF VIRGINIA



Loudoun, Fauquier and
Rappahannock Counties

Post Office Box 470
Leesburg, Virginia 20178

March 12, 2025

HON. DOUGLAS L. FLEMING, JR.,
CHIEF JUDGE

HON. STEPHEN E. SINCAVAGE

HON. JAMES P. FISHER

HON. JAMES E. PLOWMAN

HON. MATTHEW P. SNOW

JUDGES

HON. W. SHORE ROBERTSON

HON. JAMES H. CHAMBLIN

HON. THOMAS D. HORNE

HON. BURKE F. MCCAHILL

HON. JEFFERY W. PARKER

RETIRED JUDGES

ANNOUNCEMENT: CIR 102

To: Loudoun County Bar Association
Fauquier County Bar Association
Rappahannock County Bar Association

Course: **CIR 102: Local Rules – An Overview**

When: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. No RSVP required (*however, attendees must sign in for potential CLE credit*)

Where: Circuit Courtroom 2D (*a remote access link will be provided 3/25*)

What: This session is open to attorneys of all experience levels, but will be especially beneficial for attorneys who have less experience in the 20th Circuit Court. Topics covered will include:

- The legal authority for local rules of procedure;
- The structure of the local rules in each county;
- Discussion of key portions of local rules;
- Bench expectations for complying with local rules;
- Q&A with the judge(s) related to local rules

Materials: A written copy of a powerpoint or other written outline will be provided to attendees at the seminar and made available to any remote access attendees

Food: Bring your own lunch. Attendees may eat in the courtroom during the presentation; outside food and drinks will be permitted. Self clean-up is required.

SEMINAR CALENDAR*

The Learning Series: Circuit Court (2025-2026)			
Seminars			
CIR 101 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Circuit Court Practice – The Basics	The basics of circuit court practice, from professionalism to bench expectations of attorneys.	Feb 2025
CIR 102	Local Rules – An Overview	A walk through of the Local Rules, with explanations, bench perspectives and context	Wed Mar 26
<i>CIR 103</i>	<i>Civil Motions Day</i>	<i>Discussion of Civil Motions Day, bench expectations and best practices</i>	<i>Wed Apr 23</i>
<i>CIR 104</i>	<i>Criminal Docket Day</i>	<i>Discussion of Criminal Docket Day, bench expectations and best practices</i>	<i>Wed May 28</i>
<i>CIR 105</i>	<i>Courtroom Skills: Persuasive Presentations, Exhibits, and Courtroom Technology</i>	<i>Best practices to be effective in courtroom presentation</i>	<i>Wed Jun 18</i>
Intermediate Seminars			
<i>CIR 201</i>	<i>Daily Orders: Process and Pitfalls</i>	<i>Best practices for handling and submitting administrative matters and various motions and orders directly through the Clerk’s office and chambers for court action</i>	<i>Wed Jul 23</i>
<i>CIR 202</i>	<i>Bench Trials</i>	<i>Best practices for bench trials</i>	<i>Wed Aug 27</i>
<i>CIR 203</i>	<i>Pendente Lite Hearings</i>	<i>Best practices for preparing for & presenting at PL hearings</i>	<i>Wed Sep 24</i>
<i>CIR 204</i>	<i>(Civil) Discovery Issues and Motions to Compel</i>	<i>Highlighting some of the key discovery rules and a bench perspective on discovery disputes that arise in court</i>	<i>Wed Oct 22</i>
<i>CIR 205</i>	<i>(Crim) Bail Hearings, Probation Violations & Sentencing</i>	<i>Overview/discussion of the criminal docket, expectations, best practices</i>	<i>Wed Nov 12</i>
Advanced Seminars			
<i>CIR 301</i>	<i>Jury Trials</i>	<i>Discussion of procedures, expectations, best practices</i>	<i>Wed Dec 17</i>

*Items in italics are planned, but subject to change in date or topic

<i>CIR 302</i>	<i>Divorce, ED & Custody/Visitation</i>	<i>Discussion of procedures, expectations, best practices</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>CIR 303</i>	<i>Rules to Show Cause and Contempt</i>	<i>Discussion of procedures, expectations, best practices</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>CIR 304</i>	<i>Expert Witnesses</i>	<i>Discussion of procedures, expectations, best practices</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>(and more to come)</i>			