

## **RULE CHANGES – 1/13/10**

### **1.19 MEETINGS**

Where practicable, the Circuit Judges shall meet at least once ~~each~~ every two months, on the call of the Chief Judge, to consider the business of this Court and to take such action as is required. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chief Judge or by any two Circuit Judges. ~~The Chief Judge shall provide a schedule for meetings by administrative order.~~ *(amended eff. 1/13/10)*

### **13.02.1 DILIGENCE DATE**

The Clerk of the Court shall issue a diligence date for each case classified "AR" for 9:00 a.m. seven months from the date of filing and shall notify the plaintiff of that date by affixing it on the complaint. The plaintiff must request the issuance of an alias summons and otherwise establish the exercise of diligence during the diligence period or the case may be dismissed pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 103(b). Except for good cause shown, no more than one diligence date will be given. Summons shall not issue for a return date beyond the diligence date set by a court except with leave of court. Any summons issued beyond that date without leave of court shall be considered a nullity. *(amended eff. 9/9/09)*

In the event plaintiff's counsel does not appear on a return date of a an unserved summons issued with a future diligence date, the court shall take the matter off call. Plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel must appear on the return date of a served summons. Failure to do so may result in a dismissal for want of prosecution. *(amended eff. 1/13/10)*

### **16.03 RETURN DAY PROCEDURES**

(d) The Clerk of the Court shall issue a diligence date for each case classified "SC" or "SR", for 9:00 a.m. seven months from the date of filing and shall notify the plaintiff of that date by affixing it on the complaint. The plaintiff must request the issuance of an alias summons and otherwise establish the exercise of diligence during the diligence period or the case may be dismissed pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 103(b). Except for good cause shown, no more than one diligence date will be given. Summons shall not issue for a return date beyond the diligence date set by a court, except with leave of court. Any summons issued beyond that date without leave of court shall be considered a nullity.

In the event plaintiff's counsel does not appear on a return date of a an unserved summons issued with a future diligence date, the court shall take the matter off call. Plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel must appear on the return date of a served summons. Failure to do so may result in a dismissal for want of prosecution. *(amended eff. 1/13/10)*