

PRO SE MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING OR TRIAL

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Good cause must be shown to get a continuance. The judge decides what is good cause. Put all your reasons in the motion for a continuance because the judge may rule without a hearing.
2. A Motion for Continuance should be made as soon as the party learns of a conflict. Attempts should be made to change the date with the consent of the other party before the motion is filed. The closer it is to the hearing date the more difficult it is to get a continuance.
3. Continuances will not be granted because the timing of the hearing is inconvenient for you. Litigation is seldom convenient. If you received reasonable notice of the hearing and you did not object at the time, pre-paid vacations, elective surgery, work or school conflicts may not be sufficient to get a continuance.
4. Continuances requested on the eve of trial because you are not prepared ordinarily will not be granted. Do not wait until the last minute to subpoena important witnesses. Do it as soon as you receive notice of the hearing.
5. Continuances usually are not granted at the last minute to allow you time to hire an attorney.
6. Filing a Motion for Continuance does not stop the hearing or trial from occurring.
7. Until the judge rules on the motion you should plan on being at the hearing as scheduled.
8. When possible, you should include an E-MAIL address and PHONE number on the motion, so a copy of the Judge's Order can be quickly transmitted.
9. Hearings set on emergency motions may be difficult to continue.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ALABAMA

CITY OF DECATUR

VS.

Case No.

Defendant.

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THE UNDERSIGNED party moves the court for an order continuing a hearing or trial which has been set for _____ [Date]. I received notice of the hearing or trial on _____ [Date].

A continuance is required because:

I understand that the filing of this motion does not cancel the hearing or trial.

I certify that a copy of this motion was ☐ mailed; ☐ e-mailed; ☐ hand delivered; to the person(s) listed below on _____ [Date] (include any victims or witnesses who may have been subpoenaed).

Party filing motion

Address

City, State, Zip

_____/_____
Phone No. / E-mail

Name of Witness/Defendant or his/her attorney: _____;

Address of person to whom copy was sent: _____

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