



001941141D01

## DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT

#38 FILED  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
DOUGLAS COUNTY NEBRASKA  
OCT 27 2020

JOHN M. FRIEND

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

MS 20-86

)  
)  
) AMENDED ORDER FOR CRIMINAL  
) JURY TRIALS AND CIVIL JURY  
) TRIALS JANUARY 2021, FEBRUARY  
) 2021, MARCH 2021, APRIL 2021,  
) MAY 2021, & JUNE 2021

Due to the restrictions created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, and June 2021 Jury Panels for Criminal Jury trials and for Civil Jury trials. Please note that *voir dire* in civil cases will take place in the Douglas County Annex Building located at 1805 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102 across the street from the Douglas County Courthouse. The Douglas County Annex Building is undergoing renovation to make it a suitable establishment for jury selection. The renovation will be completed by December 31, 2020. The jury trial cases will be limited to the following District Court Judges on their assigned specific dates:

Douglas County District Courts have taken measures to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency upon our Courts and its participants. The Court finds that having additional trial dates for criminal and civil cases during the months of January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, and June 2021 would be impossible due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions for the public. The Directed Health Order issued by the Nebraska Department of Public Health and Human Services orders "a minimum distance of six (6) feet between" all persons. The Douglas County Courthouse and Courtrooms do not have the space available to accommodate any additional jury trials while at the same time maintaining social distancing restrictions. The Court recognizes that the restrictions ordered by the Directed Health Order are not legally binding on the Court, but the Court, nonetheless, finds that adherence to these restrictions is in the best interest of the public for their health and safety.

An order scheduling cases for jury trials in criminal cases and in civil cases for January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, and June 2021 is forthcoming. The intent of this order is to provide guidance to the litigators so that they may plan accordingly with their trial calendars.

**Jury selection schedule for January 2021 Criminal and Civil Cases:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, Gleason, Masteller, Randall, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

**[GLEASON]**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**[WHEELLOCK]**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Jury selection schedule for February 2021 Criminal and Civil Cases:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, Gleason, Masteller, Randall, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**[GLEASON\*]**

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, February 22, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, February 22, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

**[WHEELLOCK]**



**Proposed jury selection schedule for March 2021 Panels:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, GLEASON\*, Masteller, RANDALL\*, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

**[GLEASON\*]**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, March 22, 2021**

**[WHEELLOCK]**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, March 22, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Proposed jury selection schedule for April 2021 Panels:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, GLEASON\*, Masteller, RANDALL\*, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

**[GLEASON\*]**

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**[WHEELOCK]**

**Proposed jury selection schedule for May 2021 Panels:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, GLEASON\*, Masteller, RANDALL\*, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

**[GLEASON\*]**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

**[WHEELLOCK]**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Proposed jury selection schedule for June 2021 Panels:**

**A Panel**

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, GLEASON\*, Masteller, RANDALL\*, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**[RANDALL\*]**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**[GLEASON\*]**

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

**[STRATMAN]**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**[BATAILLON]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**[COFFEY]**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**[DERR]**

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

**[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**[RETELSDORF]**

**B Panel**

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

**Criminal – Legislative Chambers**

**Monday, June 14, 2021**

**[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**[BURNS]**

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

**[POLK]**

**Civil – 1805 Harney Street**

**Monday, June 14, 2021**

**[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**[PANKONIN]**

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

**[WHEELLOCK]**



### Allocation of Criminal Jury Trials

Judge	July	August	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Bataillon				1		1
Coffey			1	1		
Derr			1		1	
GLEASON*		1			1	
Masteller		1		1	1	
RANDALL*			1			1
Retelsdorf		1		1		
Stratman		1	1			1
Bowie		1	1			1
Burns	1		1		1	
Dougherty			1		1	
Otepka		1		1		
Pankonin		1		1		
Polk	1		1		1	
Schatz	1			1		1
Wheelock		1			1	

Judge	January	February	March	April	May	June
Bataillon		1		1		1
Coffey	1		1		1	
Derr	1		1		1	
GLEASON*		1		1		1
Masteller	1		1		1	
RANDALL*		1		1		1
Retelsdorf	1		1		1	
Stratman		1		1		1
Bowie	1		1		1	
Burns		1		1		1
Dougherty		1		1		1
Otepka	1		1		1	
Pankonin	1		1		1	
Polk		1		1		1
Schatz		1		1		1
Wheelock	1		1		1	



# **Allocation of Civil Jury Trials**

<b>Judge</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Bataillon	1		1		1	
Coffey		1		1		1
Derr		1		1		1
GLEASON*	1		1		1	
Masteller		1		1		1
RANDALL*	1		1		1	
Retelsdorf		1		1		1
Stratman	1		1		1	
Bowie		1		1		1
Burns	1		1		1	
Dougherty	1		1		1	
Otepka		1		1		1
Pankonin		1		1		1
Polk	1		1		1	
Schatz	1		1		1	
Wheelock		1		1		1

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 HORACIO J. WHEELOCK  
 PRESIDING JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT