

General Information

The court that most people have contact with is the General District Court. The General District Court handles most traffic violations. The General District Court also hears minor criminal cases known as misdemeanors and conducts preliminary hearings for more serious criminal cases called felonies.

General District Courts have exclusive authority to hear civil cases with claims of \$4,500 or less and share authority with the Circuit Court to hear cases with claims between \$4,500 and \$15,000. Examples of civil cases are landlord and tenant disputes, contract disputes and personal injury actions.

Records Processed

The Court also processes records such as criminal warrants, civil cases, and traffic summonses.

Case Information

Online court case information and prepayment information can be found at:

www.courts.state.va.us.

On that site, scroll down and click on **General District Court Case Information**.

Court Organization

The General District Court is comprised of the Judges' Office, the Clerk's Office and the Magistrates' Office.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning the Clerk's Office, 703-228-7900.

ARLINGTON COUNTY

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT –
COURT SCHEDULE

*Courtrooms located Third Floor
1425 N. Courthouse Road
Arlington, VA*

703-228-7900



Courtroom Scheduling

Effective September 1, 2004

Court Schedule – Arlington General District Court

Criminal Court (3A)

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. Bond Motions
9:30 a.m. Trials (non jailable), In-Custody Arraignments
10:00 a.m. Motions, Out-of-Custody Arraignments
11:00 a.m. Trials/Preliminary Hearings referred by other Courts

Monday

2:00 p.m. Capias Review

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Sentencing/Rules

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Drug Court

Friday

10:00 a.m. Bond Forfeitures

Trial Court (3B)

Monday through Friday

9:30 a.m. Assault & Battery/Property/Larceny Misdemeanor Trials (10*)
10:30 a.m. DWI/ all other Misdemeanor Trials (10*)
11:30 a.m. Preliminary Hearings (15*)

(* Maximum number to be set/day)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

2:00 p.m. Trials/Preliminary Hearings taking more than 2 hours

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Sentencing/Rules

Traffic Court (3C)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. Arlington County Police Traffic Cases including
Accidents and Midnight Officers

10:00 a.m. VA State Police & Arlington Sheriff's Office Traffic Cases*
(* Sheriff's Office Traffic Cases only on Monday)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. WMAA Police Traffic, Accidents and Midnight Officers

10:00 a.m. WMAA Police Traffic, all other Cases

Friday

10:30 a.m. Arlington County Police (SOS evening shift)

Civil Court (3D)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday {Wednesday; No court, civil judge sits in Falls Church}

9:00 a.m. Traffic Cases

10:00 a.m. Civil Motions and Trials

2:00 p.m. Civil Returns/Pre-Trial Conferences

2:30 p.m. Pro-Se Returns

Fridays

9:00 a.m. Traffic Cases

9:30 a.m. Small Claims Cases (except 1st Friday of the month)

2:00 p.m. Civil Returns/Pre-Trial Conferences

2:30 p.m. Pro-Se Returns

1st Friday of each month

9:30 a.m. Photo Red Light Cases