



**We Wish You a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**



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This time of year elicits retrospection on 2025 and what a year it has been! We are thankful for the community of legal professionals who have supported the vision of this Court, provided excellent service to their clients, and ultimately worked to make Davidson County a better place for families.

Beyond the work we are grateful for a year full of laughter, joy, and fun. From birthdays and holidays to CMAs and Nashville eats, the Fourth Circuit family is blessed with time and company worth cherishing (and so many selfies to show for it). Happy Holidays from the Fourth, we'll see you next year!





Santa Tell Me the New Chamber Rules

Thank you to all who attended our December 17th End-of-Year CLE! As discussed, the newly modified ***Chamber Rules will be released and go into effect on January 15, 2026.*** A few key changes include:

- **Proposed Orders:**

- Add the following language: *“This Order may be e-signed by the judge pursuant to T.C.A. § 16-1-115 and subsequent signature pages may be attached hereto.”*
- Orders to set final contested hearings must be filed within 10 business days of confirming the judicial settlement conference, pretrial conference and trials date(s). Failure to do so will result in the loss of the dates given.

- **Pretrial Motions:**

- Motions for publication shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating diligent efforts have been made to locate and serve the defendant/respondent and briefly describe the diligent efforts made.

- **Dismissal Dockets:**

- These will generally be held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m.
- This is a NO APPEARANCE docket.
- Cases are automatically dismissed if they are still open on the date and time they are set on the dismissal docket.
- Cases on this docket have been pending more than 3 years, OR they are cases with no activity after opportunity and notice to set or settle by a certain date.
- Costs are taxed to the petitioning party.

An Emergency Plan is Coming to Town



Our office will be closed from December 22, 2025, through January 2, 2026. The Court staff will not be available during this time. In the case of an emergency, you may dial 9-1-1 or seek assistance at Night Court, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Walking in a Bellevue Wonderland



There's not much the Fourth Circuit loves more than walking in a Christmas parade. This year, we had the honor of participating in the Second Annual Holidays in the Vue Christmas Parade in Bellevue. But it was not just our Court, Judge Bethany Glandorf, Third Circuit Court, joined the march--domestic courts represent!

Thank you to all the children and families who packed the streets with holiday cheer. We had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays in the community and are already looking forward to next year.



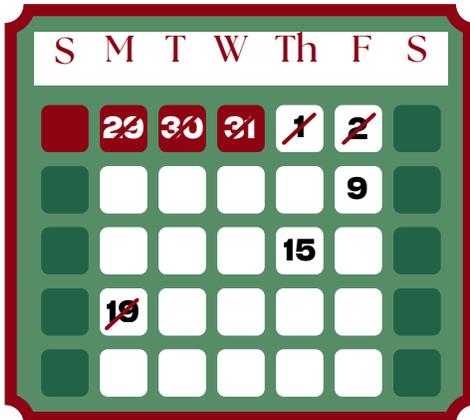
Deck the Halls with Boughs of Sheet Cake

...and cookies and punch. December 4th was a bittersweet day as friends, colleagues, and family of the Honorable Phillip Robinson celebrated his retirement from serving as Judge of the Third Circuit Court. We are grateful for his service, and his presence will be greatly missed. Wishing him and his wife, Mrs. Christy Robinson, a restful and fun retirement.





Wonderful Calendartime



January

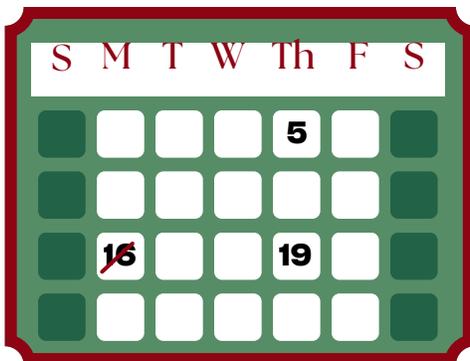
12/22-1/2: Fourth Circuit Closed for Winter Holidays

1/9: First Motion Docket of 2026

1/15: Judge Williams' Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom

Judge Williams' Dismissal Docket at 2:30 p.m.

1/19: Court Closed for MLK, Jr. Holiday



February

2/5: Special Master Menke's Case Management Docket at 9 a.m. via Zoom

2/16: Office Closed for Presidents' Day Holiday

2/19: Judge Williams' Status Conference Docket at 1 p.m. in Person or Via Zoom

Judge Williams' Dismissal Docket at 2:30 p.m.

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