

# RULES FOR LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

## TITLE V

### Twelfth Judicial District Court

#### Parish of Avoyelles

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**Chapter:** 41

**Chapter Title:** Court Organization and Sessions

**Appendix** 20

**Rule No:** 41.0

General Organization of Court:  
Divisions or Sections of Court

The Court shall sit in two divisions designated Division A and Division B. Each Judge shall preside in the division to which he has been elected or appointed and each division shall exercise all of the authority granted by law to district courts as to civil, criminal, probate and juvenile jurisdiction.

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Court Administration: Duty  
Judges: Mediation

#### Allotment

Civil, Probate & Juvenile Cases: It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Court or the designated Deputy Clerks of Court to publicly allot each civil, probate and juvenile case immediately following its filing, said allotments to be equal between the two divisions of court. The allotments shall be by random selection to be accomplished by such method or by such mechanical device or appliance as may be approved by the judges of this court. After a case has been allotted, all matters relating to said case shall be taken up by the judge of the division to which the case has been allotted, except however, that as stated in Rule IV, uncontested matters may be taken up in either division.

For good cause, any civil, criminal, probate or juvenile matter may be transferred from one division to the other by the Judges of both divisions.

#### Assignment of Criminal and Juvenile Cases for Trial

Criminal and juvenile cases shall ordinarily be assigned for trial on oral motion of the District Attorney but a defendant in criminal cases or any party at interest in juvenile cases may request assignment.

Criminal proceedings shall be conducted in Division A on the first and third Tuesday of each month and in Division B on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, or at any other times assigned by the court.

There shall be a minimum of four jury terms per calendar year, in the months of February, May, September and November. Special jury terms may be scheduled at the pleasure of the court.

When two or more cases are fixed for the same day, the District Attorney or Assistant District Attorney will determine the order of cases called for trial unless just cause exists for the court to alter the order.

When two or more cases are fixed for trial by jury on the same day, the District Attorney will determine the order of cases to be called for trial and shall file a notice of said order of trial by 12:00 noon on the Thursday immediately preceding the criminal jury term commencing the following Monday.

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