

**STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

In re: Norman E. Watts, Esq.
PRB File Nos. 102-2019, 011-2020


MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF MERITS HEARING

NOW COMES the Respondent Norman E. Watts, by and through his counsel, Kaveh S. Shahi, Esq., of the firm of Cleary Shahi & Aicher, P.C., and respectfully moves for the continuance of the merits hearing currently scheduled for June 7-9, 2023. The Respondent has been proceeding pro se in this matter, and now wishes to be represented by counsel. However, the undersigned is scheduled to draw a jury on June 7, 2023, in *Lozefski v. Tri-State Drilling*, Caledonia County, Docket No. 158-12-20, a copy of notice attached. Moreover, the undersigned with his schedule and commitments in other matters will require at least six weeks to prepare for this hearing.

The Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel of his choosing, he has selected the undersigned but counsel's availability to properly prepare and attend the merits hearing is limited as stated herein. This request is not made to cause undue delay or prejudice. The Respondent wishes to conclude this matter but to do so with proper representation by counsel. Accordingly the Respondent respectfully requests that the merits hearing be continued to the latter part of June 2023.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.

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**Vermont Superior Court - Caledonia Unit
Civil Division
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Notice of Hearings

Date: March 15, 2023
To: Attorneys and Parties in the following cases:
RE: Notice of Scheduled Cases

Each of the cases listed below is noted as trial ready in the civil docket, and they are prioritized by the age of the case. Included are hearing dates for a pretrial conference, and jury draw. Jury trial dates will be discussed at pretrial conference. E-notices of the hearings have also been sent.

Case #	Case	Attorneys	Length of Trial per ADR
12-1-19 Cacv	Gibson v Murray	Ines Cristina Rousseau, Esq Susan J Flynn, Esq.	3
114-6-19 Cacv	Clark et al vs.Claffey	Robert B. Luce, Esq. Timothy C. Doherty, Esq. James C. Gallagher, Esq. Michael J. Gannon, Esq. Sara-Ellen M.A. Moran, Esq	5
81-5-20 Cacv	Bonin vs Batsakis	Christopher S. Moore, Esq. Gavin A. Reid, Esq.	2
158-12-20 Cacv	Lozefski vs Tri State Drilling	David J. Pollock, Esq. Kaveh S. Shahi, Esq.	2
			Bench Trials Back-Up
48-3-20 Cacv	Loud et al vs. Bouffard et al	Stan B. Brinkman, Esq. Daniel D. McCabe, Esq. Kaveh S Shahi, Esq.	1.5

May 22 , 2023 for pretrial conference at Caledonia Superior Court

June 7, 2023 for jury draw at 10:00 a.m.

Potential Jury Trial dates are June 26-June 30, 2023

Juries will be drawn in the order listed above. Parties and counsel can attend the Pretrial Conference in person or remotely via WebEx. Parties and counsel must be *present for* the jury draw scheduled hearing and be ready to proceed. Criminal court cases are also scheduled for jury draw and will take priority over civil court cases.

Counsel is to contact each other, not the court, as to the progress of the other cases on this list, to be aware if your case moves up on the list. You can also check the judiciary website calendar. Counsel is to efile a notice with the court immediately to report a binding resolution in any of these cases.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Caledonia Unit, Civil Division