

# TWELFTH CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PUBLIC DEFENDER CLIENTS REGARDING YOUR APPEARANCE IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS SCHEDULE, IT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT YOUR CASE AND WHEN YOU WILL NEED TO APPEAR IN COURT.**

**Listed below are the terms of General Sessions Court that are currently scheduled in Florence County for the calendar year 2021:**

- 1. August 23, 2021 - September 10, 2021**
- 2. September 20, 2021 - September 24, 2021**
- 3. October 11, 2021 - October 22, 2021**
- 4. November 29, 2021 - December 10, 2021**

**Beginning on the Friday before each scheduled term of Court and each day thereafter through the end of each term of court you must call the court line at 843-676-8670, press opt. 1 after 6:00 PM to find out if you are to appear in Court on the following business day. If your name is on the list you are required to be in court.**

**You can also find a copy of the daily list for the General Sessions court term on our website under Court Dockets. (Updated daily after 6:00 pm for the following business day)**

**As an example, you must call the Court line number on Friday, August 20th, 2021 through Thursday, September 9th, 2021 for the August/September term of court listed above. You must repeat this procedure for each term of Court listed thereafter until your case reaches a final disposition. If your case is not over and is still pending after the last term of Court listed above, it will be your responsibility to come into the Public Defender's office and obtain a new Court schedule for future months.**

**IF YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS LETTER AND YOU MISS A COURT APPEARANCE, THE SOLICITOR WILL ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST. IF YOU NEED FURTHER EXPLANATION CONCERNING THIS LETTER THEN IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COME IN PERSON TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE. IF YOU ARE INCARCERATED AND HAVE RECEIVED THIS LETTER THEN YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES LISTED IN THIS LETTER IF YOU ARE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION AND YOUR CASE IS STILL PENDING.**

**You can also find a copy of this letter on our website at:**

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