Superior Court of California
County of Solano

Rule 2 – Felony Criminal Cases

2.1 APPLICATION OF RULES

These rules apply to all felony criminal cases pending on, or filed on or after, January 1, 1998. For the purpose of these rules the term "felony criminal cases" does not include traffic infraction cases or misdemeanor criminal cases.

(Rule 2.1 amended effective January 1, 2010; adopted effective January 1, 1998.)

2.2 DIRECT CALENDARING OF CRIMINAL CASES

When a felony criminal case is filed either by complaint or indictment, the matter shall be assigned, after arraignment, to one judge for all purposes. All felony criminal cases shall be heard first in an arraignment department of the court and from that department the case shall be assigned to one of the judges in the Criminal Division of the court and the parties shall be notified in open court and on the record of the name of the judge and that notification shall be considered adequate and appropriate for all purposes. The assignment of a felony criminal case to a judge as provided in this paragraph shall be by a random process, and the assignment to the judge shall be deemed for all purposes.

(Rule 2.2 amended effective January 1, 2010; adopted effective January 1, 1998.)

2.3 NOTIFICATION OF THE PARTIES OF ASSIGNMENT TO ONE JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES

If the parties are not notified of the assignment to one judge for all purposes in open court then the Clerk of the Court, after a judge is selected, shall send a written notification to all parties by first class mail and file in the court file a verification of mailing.

(Rule 2.3 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)

2.4 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE OF JUDGE ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES

Upon a peremptory challenge of a judge assigned for all purposes to a felony criminal case the case shall be reassigned pursuant to rule 1.5 of these rules.

(Rule 2.4 amended effective January 1, 2010; adopted effective January 1, 1998.)