

Rule 111. Motion for Continuance

(a) IN GENERAL.

Any party seeking a continuance must file a motion for continuance. Before filing a motion, the moving party must make a good faith attempt to ascertain whether the other party will consent to the continuance. A motion for continuance must be served on the other party.

(b) ORAL MOTION. For good cause, the court may permit an oral motion for continuance.

(c) CONTENT. A motion for continuance must state:

- (1) the reason for the request; and
- (2) whether the other party consents to the continuance or what good faith attempt was made to ascertain the other party's position.

(d) TIMING.

- (1) *In General.* A motion for continuance must be filed at the earliest practicable date.
- (2) *3-Day Rule.* Except in extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances, a party seeking a continuance of the trial date must file a motion for continuance at least 3 days before the scheduled trial date.

COMMENT TO 2020 AMENDMENTS

This rule has been amended consistent with the general restyling of the federal rules in 2002. The provisions relating to the Assignment Section have been deleted because they are obsolete. Additionally, the rule now requires a party to ascertain and state whether the other party consents to the continuance.