

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE**

In the Matter of:

District Court Pretrial Conference
Continuances

Presiding Judge

3AN-AO-24-04

**ORDER RE: ANCHORAGE DISTRICT COURT
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE CONTINUANCES**

As of January 9, 2024, there are at least 1,516¹ criminal cases in the Anchorage District Court over 365 days old. In order to address this backlog, and avoid a expanding the backlog with 2024 cases, all 2024 district court criminal cases will be allowed a total of no more than three continuances. For 2023 and older cases, no further continuances will be granted unless the parties provide a good cause basis. The Court shall place findings on the record pursuant to CrR12(h). Prior to the pandemic, the average time between arraignment and final disposition of a case was 90 days. Given the backlog, the Court expects district court cases to be resolved within 6 months, absent extraordinary circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 31st day of January, 2024.



THOMAS A. MATTHEWS
Presiding Judge
Third Judicial District

¹ Alaska Court System Age of Pending Cases Report run on 1/9/24

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