



JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE  
County Judge

March 24, 2015

Subject: New Policy for Plea Bargain Acceptance Deadline

Effective March 1, 2015, criminal cases set for trial will have a deadline of acceptance for plea bargains that will be heard by the Court. That deadline will be **2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday** prior to the trial docket call. Any pleas not heard at the bench by that time will be set before a jury for trial. No plea will be considered by the bench after that Wednesday timeframe.

This policy seeks to eliminate unnecessary appearance burdens to the jury pool and will maximize the Court's efficiency and resources.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JL Blanchette".

Jacques L. Blanchette

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