



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**

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New Process for Notifying Counsel of Accepted Scheduling Conflicts

On January 2, 2019, the court updated its procedures for considering argument scheduling conflicts, including requiring arguing counsel to show good cause for any identified scheduling conflict. See [December 10, 2018 Notice](#). To assist with identifying which conflicts have been accepted, the court will begin notifying counsel which, if any, conflict dates are accepted as conflicts.

Effective April 8, 2019, the court is implementing the following modifications to its process for reviewing scheduling conflicts:

1. The court will continue to review Responses to the Notice to Advise of Scheduling Conflicts and determine whether the conflicts are accepted. The limitations and requirements on scheduling conflicts in the [December 10, 2018 notice](#) continue to apply.
2. Only submitted conflict dates that are accepted by the court will be indicated in a public docket notation. The docket notation will list the name of the party, the attorney presenting argument, and all conflict dates that are accepted by the court. Submitted conflict dates that are not accepted will not be listed in the docket entry.
3. The non-acceptance of a submitted conflict date does not mean that the case will be scheduled for argument on a non-accepted date. Counsel should refrain from filing a motion to schedule or reschedule argument until the case is actually scheduled for argument. Likewise, counsel should avoid contacting the Clerk's Office concerning conflict dates or scheduling argument absent an emergency.

For questions or comments on these changes, please contact the Court Services team at 202-275-8035.