



## EVICTION HEARINGS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT HOW TO REQUEST A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE

The Franklin County Municipal Court magistrates will generally give a tenant a single one-week continuance of an eviction hearing so that the tenant can have additional time to find an attorney. The court will generally only grant one of these continuances for the tenant. The magistrate does not have to grant a continuance, but usually will. The following is advice on requesting the continuance.

1. Court starts at 9 AM. When you enter the Courtroom (11A) you will see people sitting to the right of where the magistrate sits (“the bench”). These are the bailiffs. You should “check-in” by telling them who you are. They will make a notification that you are present, and then will ask you to take a seat and wait for your case to be called.
2. When your case gets called you will walk up to the bench. The bailiff will ask you to raise your right hand and swear to tell the truth. Then the hearing begins.
3. Some magistrates will immediately begin to ask you questions about the case. For example they may show you a copy of a notice and ask, “Did you get this notice?”
4. **Before you answer any questions about the case**, you should ask for a continuance by saying, *“Your honor I am asking for a one-week continuance so that I can try to get an attorney to help me with this case.”*
5. If you answer questions about the case, and then ask for a continuance, it will probably be denied because the court already has taken evidence about the case.
6. If the court grants your request for a one-week continuance, the case will usually be scheduled for the same day the next week. The magistrate will usually confirm the date with you. T

That’s it! Good luck.

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