

FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

- Q. Where is the courthouse for Federal District Court?
- A. There are two federal courthouses in Albuquerque (not including the federal courthouse where the Bankruptcy Court sits). One is located at 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102. It is on the north side of Lomas Blvd. between Third Street and Fourth Street. The other courthouse is located at 421 Gold Ave. SW, Albuquerque New Mexico, 87102. It is on the northeast corner of Fifth St. and Gold Ave.
- Q. Where is Judge Parker's courtroom?
- A. Judge Parker has two courtrooms. One courtroom is located on the fourth floor, Mimbres Courtroom, at 333 Lomas Blvd. NW. The other courtroom is located on the sixth floor at 421 Gold Ave. SW.
- Q. Where is Judge Parker's chambers?
- A. The location of Judge Parker's chambers is on the sixth floor at 421 Gold Ave. SW.
- Q. Where do I go for a pretrial conference?
- A. Judge Parker holds pretrial conferences in his chambers or in the courtroom at 421 Gold Ave. SW.
- Q. Whom do I call about questions?
- A. Call Judge Parker's chambers at 348-2220 and speak with the administrative assistant about general matters and questions about civil cases and Las Cruces criminal cases. If you have questions about Albuquerque criminal cases, you should call the courtroom deputy at 348-2230. It is usually unnecessary for you to speak with a law clerk
- Q. How does Judge Parker do jury instructions?
- A. Please return to Judge Parker's main web page for information on preparation of Jury Instructions.
- Q. What happens at a pretrial conference?
- A. Judge Parker will discuss the status of the case and whether it is ready for trial. He usually wants to know whether the parties have tried to settle the case. Please

be prepared to discuss the substance of all pending motions in the case. Also be prepared to identify any potential disputes about exhibits or witnesses that Judge Parker could resolve at the conference. Pretrial conferences may last between twelve minutes and two hours. Judge Parker occasionally holds pretrial conferences by phone if the parties are not in Albuquerque and there are no significant matters to be discussed.

Q. When will my motion be decided?

A. Motions are normally addressed in the order that they are received. Approaching trial dates, and the Speedy Trial Act in criminal cases, sometimes require Judge Parker to address more recent motions before older ones. Calling chambers to inquire about the status of your motion will not expedite the process. However, if you have a motion that really must be addressed quickly, you may file an “Expedited Motion” or an “Emergency Motion” with the Court.

Q. When are motions in limine due?

A. There is no set deadline for motions in limine. Contemplated motions in limine should be identified at the pretrial conference. In any case, they should be submitted to the Court as soon as possible, and no less than two weeks before trial.

Q. What happens at the Call of the Calendar?

A. At the Call of the Calendar, all the parties who are scheduled for the next trailing calendar report to one of Judge Parker’s courtrooms. Please call Judge Parker’s chambers prior to the Call of the Calendar to find out in which courtroom it will be held. Judge Parker will ascertain how long each case will last, what motions are pending or will be filed before trial, whether the parties are ready to proceed to trial, if any party has a scheduling conflict, the possibility of settlement, and whether there are any anticipated problems that need to be resolved before commencement of trial. After hearing from counsel on the above matters, Judge Parker will announce the date each trial will commence. However, for jury trials, multiple juries may be selected on the first day of the trailing calendar and jurors are told to report for service on the date scheduled for commencement of trial of the case in which jurors are selected.

Q. What is the purpose of the Statement of the Case?

A. The Pretrial Order requires that the parties confer and submit an agreed Statement of the Case several days before jury selection. Judge Parker reads this statement to the jury panel at the beginning of jury selection to alert potential jurors who might have knowledge of the facts of the case. The statement should be a very brief description of what the case is about.