

NORFOLK COUNTY PILOT PROGRAM FOR CIVIL MONEY DAMAGE ACTIONS

Summary of District Court Standing Order No. 1-16

- I. APPLIES IN ALL FIVE DISTRICT COURTS IN NORFOLK COUNTY:**
Brookline, Dedham, Quincy, Stoughton and Wrentham
- II. CASES COMMENCED ON OR AFTER MAY 31, 2016 DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES:** (Plaintiff to indicate case category on Statement of Damages form.)
1. CASES INVOLVING ONLY CLAIMS FOR “CONSUMER CREDIT DEBT”:
 - These cases proceed to disposition in the usual way in the court where commenced, *except* provisions have been added to Notice of Case Management Conference requiring parties to serve, and bring to CMC, documents that are evidence of debt, assignment of debt and any payment of debt.
 2. ALL OTHER MONEY DAMAGE CASES:
 - IF NO ANSWER FILED: Case stays in court where commenced for default and default judgment proceedings.
 - IF ANSWER *IS* FILED: Case transferred to a “Designated Civil Session” (DCS). These sessions and the judges assigned to them are devoted exclusively to the management and disposition of the civil cases transferred to them.
 - One DCS at Quincy District Court for cases commenced in Quincy
 - One DCS at Dedham District Court for cases commenced in Dedham, Brookline, Stoughton and Wrentham
 - Attorney voir dire available in DCS jury trials.
 - In cases transferred to a DCS, judgment shall be entered there and the case returned to court where commenced for any post-judgment proceedings.
 - A “Civil Case Liaison” will be designated in each district court to improve communication with attorneys and facilitate the movement of civil cases to disposition.
- III. CASES COMMENCED BEFORE MAY 31, 2016**

All such cases will remain in the courts in which they are pending and proceed to disposition there, or in the jury sessions to which they are now sent, *except*: Judge assigned to a DCS may, as a matter of discretion, order any such case to proceed in the DCS.