

Mandatory Roster Meeting - 15th Circuit (Horry and Georgetown)

Judge Seals will be holding a mandatory **Date Certain Roster Meeting on December 20, 2017**. The roster meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and all attorneys are asked to report to Courtroom 3A of the Horry County Judicial Center.

The roster meeting is mandatory to the extent that if you want a date certain you or someone with authority to set the case for trial from your office must be present. If you do not appear at the roster meeting your case will be set for trial by opposing counsel. If none of the attorneys appear, your case will be placed on the regular trial roster, and you will not get the benefits of a date certain.

Additionally, Judge Seals plans to only set date certain trials and back up trials for the term during this roster meeting. Should a date certain settle 30 days or more prior to the trial date, then the backup date certain will become the date certain trial for that term. Date certain cases will be set this one time for the first half of next year, so it is imperative that you come to the roster meeting if you want a date certain.

Furthermore, Judge Seals would like to convey that he is doing this for the convenience of the attorneys in the hopes that it will assist in scheduling and planning for trials, specifically those involving experts. However, please understand that these date certain trials will be set by agreement of the attorneys, not necessarily the court, so please be ready to try your case on the date set, understanding family emergencies or other very serious circumstances.

Judge Seals looks forward to working with you all and would like to remind you that his door is always open for suggestions on how the civil

rosters in the 15th Circuit might be improved, understanding the difficult job all of you have as well as his responsibility to keep things moving in an organized manner. Judge Seals' law clerk, Tamara F. Boyer, may be reached at wsealslc@sccourts.org or her cell number, 803-521-5549.