



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**
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Revision to Process for Advising of Scheduling Conflicts

The court recently concluded a review of existing argument scheduling practices with the objective of reducing the time between when a case becomes calendar-ready and is scheduled for oral argument.

Based on this review, the court is implementing the following changes effective January 2, 2019.

1. The court will only consider scheduling conflicts by arguing counsel; non-arguing counsel and client conflicts will no longer be considered when scheduling argument.
2. Arguing counsel must provide an explanation, including a showing of good cause, for any submitted scheduling conflict.
3. Arguing counsel will be limited to submitting only ten total days of unavailability during the six consecutive court weeks identified in the Notice to Advise of Scheduling Conflicts.

Submitting Conflicts Procedure. In filing the response to the Notice to Advise of Scheduling Conflicts, arguing counsel will need to attach an explanation for each identified scheduling conflict. Conflicts submitted without a sufficient showing of good cause will not be considered by the court when scheduling argument.

A preview of the revised [Response to Notice to Advise of Scheduling Conflicts](#) is available on the court's website. Counsel will begin seeing the modified notices in mid-January.

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