

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

**IN RE:**

COMMENCEMENT OF COURT  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE JUDGE  
FRANCISCO A. BESOSA

**MISC. NO.** 12-321 (FAB)

**AMENDED STANDING ORDER**

Effective July 2, 2012, all court proceedings before Judge Francisco A. Besosa will commence at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Proceedings before the Court take precedence over proceedings before the magistrate judges.

**TRIALS**

1. On the first day of trial, the jury *venire* will be seated by 8:45 a.m. and counsel will be prepared to commence the jury selection process promptly at 9:00 a.m. The defendants, the parties in civil cases, and counsel will be seated in the courtroom no later than 8:45 a.m.

2. On subsequent trial dates, the defendants, the parties in civil cases, and counsel will be seated in the courtroom no later than 8:45 a.m.

3. The United States Marshal shall make the defendants available to defense counsel from 8:00 a.m. every morning.

**CHANGE OF PLEA HEARINGS**

4. All plea agreements shall be signed by the government, counsel and the defendant before 9:00 a.m. on the date of the change of plea hearing. The Court will not permit counsel to discuss plea agreements with their clients after 9:00 a.m. If counsel has not discussed plea agreements by that time, they will be subject to a fine, and the Court will not approve any voucher payment for time spent in conference with clients. It is strongly recommended that counsel discuss the plea agreement with his or her client before the change of plea date.

5. The assistant United States attorney prosecuting the case will be present at the change of plea hearing.

6. The United States Marshal shall make the defendants available to defense counsel from 8:00 a.m. every morning.

**SENTENCES**

7. All presentence investigation reports shall have been reviewed by the government, counsel and defendants before 9:00 a.m. on the sentencing date, preferably on a date before the sentencing date. If counsel has not discussed the presentence investigation reports by that time, they will be subject to a fine and the Court will not approve any voucher payment for time spent in conference with clients. No objections to the presentence investigation report or sentencing memoranda will be considered if filed less

than five calendar days before the sentencing date, as indicated in the Court's Scheduling Order, ¶ II.8 and 9.

8. The assistant United States attorney prosecuting the case will be present at the sentencing hearing.

9. Probation Officers will meet with the Court in chambers to discuss presentence investigation reports no later than 8:30 a.m. on sentencing dates. The probation officer who prepared the presentence investigation report will be present to discuss it with the Court in chambers and will be present in the courtroom during sentencing.

10. The United States Marshal shall make the defendants available to defense counsel from 8:00 a.m. every morning.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 27, 2012.

s/ Francisco A. Besosa  
FRANCISCO A. BESOSA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE