

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

CASES SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL IN PORTLAND COMMENCING

APRIL 1, 2013 BEFORE THE HON. GEORGE Z. SINGAL

The cases listed below are scheduled for jury selection in Portland on April 1, 2013. The cases will be scheduled for trial immediately following jury selection, to the extent possible, in the order in which they are listed. Some cases may be removed from the trial list or the pretrial conference list by the presiding judge if it appears to the Court that pending dispositive motions may not be resolved before the case is scheduled for trial.

Final Pretrial Conferences - Final Pretrial Conferences have been scheduled in Portland before Magistrate Judge Rich (JHR) as indicated below. Final pretrial memoranda shall be filed no later than February 27, 2013.

Juror Questionnaires – Counsel are advised that jurors are required to complete a supplemental questionnaire of questions that will not be asked during jury impanelment. All counsel are instructed to visit the Clerk's Office prior to impanelment to review these questionnaires. Juror questionnaires will be available for inspection in the Clerk's Office three days prior to jury impanelment. Questionnaires will not be available for review on the day of impanelment.

Motions for Continuance - Any motion for a continuation of trial shall be filed by February 5, 2013. Requests for continuation of trial filed thereafter will be considered by the Court only on a basis of cause for continuation which arises after February 5, 2013.

Discovery Deadlines - Counsel are advised that it is the Court's view that absent some excusable circumstance, discovery initiatives must be initiated sufficiently in advance of the discovery deadline to permit the opposing party to file in advance of the discovery deadline its appropriate response within the period allowed by the civil rules for such purpose.

Failure of a party or party's counsel to obey this or any other pretrial order (including, without limitations, failure to file a final pretrial memorandum or to appear at the scheduled final pretrial conference) may result in the imposition of sanctions under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

Information regarding the use and reservation of the Court's electronic evidence presenter can be found at www.med.uscourts.gov under Courtroom Practices.

<p>A Summary of First Circuit Authority Concerning Opening Statements and Closing Arguments and the most recent Maine Local Rules can be found on the District Court's Internet Home Page at www.med.uscourts.gov.</p>
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Jury

1)	EIRINI ZAGKLARA <u>Civil Docket No. 2:10-cv-445-GZS</u>	v.	SPRAGUE ENERGY CORP
	Carolyn M. Latti, Esq. David F. Anderson, Esq.		Jeffrey I. Carton, Esq. Joanna Frances Sandolo, Esq. Michael X. Savasuk, Esq. Leonard W. Langer, Esq. John R. Bass, II, Esq.
	Final Pretrial Memos have been filed. Final Pretrial Conference held on 2/6/2013. Jury Trial set for 4/8/2013-4/17/2013.		
2)	ANGELA ADAMS LICENSING LLC <u>Civil Docket No. 2:11-cv-05-GZS</u>	v.	WALMART STORES INC. et al
	Margaret Minister O'Keefe, Esq. Robert H. Stier, Esq.		Alison G. Carlson, Esq. James G. Goggin, Esq. James Patrick Jeffrey, Esq. Lora A. Moffatt, Esq. Sara Elizabeth Hirshon, Esq.
	Final Pretrial Conference set for March 6 at 11:00 a.m. before Judge John H. Rich III.		

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ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE PRESENTER

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maine offers various audio/visual equipment for members of the bar to use during hearings or trials. While each courtroom accommodates a different configuration of audio/visual equipment, they each accommodate the use of the Electronic Evidence Presenter (EEP).

The EEP consists of a digital document camera, a video cassette or digital video disk (DVD) player, and a projector. Images of exhibits (documents, photographs, negatives, objects, x-rays, transparencies, etc.) are displayed using the digital document camera permitting the judge, attorneys, witnesses and jury to view the images simultaneously. Using this equipment, the operator can zoom in on the most critical area of the exhibit in detail.

The EEP also allows attorneys to connect a laptop for presentation of evidence using PowerPoint or other presentation software. Attorneys **MUST** provide their own technical assistance in preparing the laptop evidence presentation. The court will not troubleshoot compatibility problems for attorneys using the EEP.

Important:

Attorneys who wish to use courtroom audio or visual equipment at a trial or hearing are required to understand and be prepared to operate that equipment. Attorneys who plan to use their own electronic equipment (such as laptops) at hearing or trial must schedule time well in advance to practice and to test their equipment's compatibility with that courtroom's system. Practice time should be scheduled with the Information Technology (IT) staff listed below for a date not less than two weeks prior to the hearing or trial.

The Court may deny the use of audio/visual equipment during a hearing or trial to attorneys who have failed to attend a practice session to confirm their equipment's compatibility with the court's system.

RESERVING THE ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE PRESENTER AND SCHEDULING A PRACTICE SESSION

Reservations for the EEP should be made two weeks in advance of the date of the proceeding. To reserve the equipment and/or to schedule a practice session, contact these IT staff members:

Bangor: Don Marshall at (207) 945-0575 ext. 6424

Portland Robert Guphill at (207) 780-3356 ext. 5110

<http://www.med.uscourts.gov/nodeblock/courtroom-practices>