

RULE 582.2 CONSOLIDATION OF CASES

(a) When one or more defendants are charged in more than one criminal information and those cases have been assigned to different judges, in the interest of judicial economy, at the request of either party, or on the Court's own motion, such cases shall be consolidated in the following manner:

(1) The judge assigned to the most serious criminal information(s) as reflected by the grade of the offense(s) shall dispose of all criminal informations.

(2) If all the criminal informations are of the same grading, the judge assigned to the criminal information(s) scheduled for the earliest original pretrial conference date shall dispose of all the criminal informations.

(3) If a defendant is incarcerated, the judge assigned to the criminal information(s) scheduled for the earliest original pretrial conference date shall dispose of all criminal informations irrespective of whether that Judge is assigned to the most serious criminal information.

(b) Nothing herein prohibits the assigned judges from agreeing to modify this procedure, where the interest of judicial economy so dictates, nor do these provisions prohibit any of the assigned judges from denying consolidation of any one or all of the criminal informations.