



**Superior Court of the State of Arizona
Pima County Juvenile Court
2225 E. AJO WAY,
Tucson, Arizona 85713-6295**

**CALENDARING OF MULTIPLE SEVERANCE TRIALS IN ONE
COURTROOM**

In order to set longer blocks of trial time for severance trials and to complete severance trials in a more timely and efficient manner, the Severance Trial/Calendar committee is proposing a pilot for setting multiple severance trials at the same time. The pilot is as follows:

1. Trial blocks will be inserted into all judge's calendars on the third full week of every month. Trial blocks of half days or full days will be calendared on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday all day and Thursday afternoon. Three severance trials will be set to begin on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. No party or courtroom will set more than three trials during these blocks.
2. A Severance Trial/Pre-trial conference (PTC) will be set for thirty minutes within 90 days of the Permanency Planning Hearing in order to finalize any settlement, enter findings and orders in absentia or to rule on any pre-trial issues and to begin the trial. Pre-trial statements are due twenty days prior to that date, as required by the Juvenile Court Rules. The court will enter into evidence any exhibits that the parties stipulate to admit or to which the parties have not previously objected. Day 2 or more of the trial will be set in the trial blocks described above.
3. The pilot trial blocks will appear on the calendar beginning January 1, 2010. Severance trials can be calendared as a judge's trial schedule allows. The pilot will last six months.