

1 **Rule 77. Court and clerks.**

2 (a) **Court always open.** The court is deemed always open for the purpose of filing any  
3 pleading or other proper paper.

4 (b) **Trials and hearings; orders in chambers.** All trials will be conducted in open court  
5 and so far as convenient in a regular courtroom. All other acts or proceedings may be  
6 done or conducted by a judge in chambers without the attendance of the clerk or other  
7 court officials and at any place within the state, either within or without the district; but  
8 the court will not conduct a hearing, other than one ex parte, outside the county where  
9 the matter is pending without the consent of the parties.

10 (c) **Clerk's office and orders.** The clerk's office with the clerk or a deputy in attendance  
11 will be open during business hours on all days except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal  
12 holidays. All motions and applications in the clerk's office for issuing mesne process,  
13 for issuing final process to enforce and execute judgments, for entering defaults or  
14 judgments by default, and for other proceedings which do not require allowance or  
15 order of the court are grantable of course by the clerk; but such action may be  
16 suspended or altered or rescinded by the court upon cause shown.

17 *Effective May/November 1, 20\_\_\_\_*

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