SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-19

D.C. and Traffic Calendar Realignment

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has an interest in efficient resolution of criminal matters arising from offenses charged by the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, including D.C. Misdemeanor and Traffic offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has dedicated three courtrooms to the hearing of all D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic cases, and has designated one court for the handling of arraignments and the D.C. Community Court, one court for trial of driving under the influence offenses, and one court for the trial of other non-traffic matters; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Superior Court caused all United States Misdemeanor offenses to be assigned to Community Courts dedicated to specific geographic areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, evaluation of the Superior Court's Community Court model has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism by Misdemeanor defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has an interest in increasing the staggering of calendars to alleviate delays and waiting time of attorneys and litigants; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that realignment of the D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic Calendars on primarily a geographical basis would best serve these interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

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ORDERED, that effective November 4, 2013, all D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic cases prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General will be assigned to courtrooms primarily dedicated to specific geographical areas of the city; and it is further

ORDERED, that effective November 4, 2013, all defendants detained pending presentment in D.C. Misdemeanor/Traffic cases will be initially presented in Courtroom C-10; and it is further

ORDERED, that the attached Plan for the reorganization of the calendars, which may be amended as needed to further the efficient administration of justice, will be effective November 4, 2013.

SO ORDERED.	
BY THE COURT	
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November 1, 2013	Lee F. Satterfield
	Chief Judge

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