

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 19-16**

Probation Matters to Remain on Original Calendar

WHEREAS, D.C. Code § 11-906 provides that the Chief Judge shall administer, superintend, arrange, and divide the business of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Superior Court Criminal Rule 1(b), the Chief Judge “may arrange and divide the business of the Criminal Division as may be necessary for the sound administration of justice”; and

WHEREAS, after imposing a sentence that includes a period of probation, the sentencing judge may be assigned to a different calendar (whether within or outside of the Criminal or Domestic Violence Division), retire, or be appointed as a senior judge; and

WHEREAS, when a judge is assigned to a different division, scheduling a probation review, show cause, request to amend conditions, or revocation hearing (“probation matter”) presents significant logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice that all probation matters in the Criminal and Domestic Violence Divisions remain on the calendar from which they originated to ensure continuity, the availability of secured facilities and resources, and timely action on any request for action on a probation matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that any probation matter assigned to a judge outside the Criminal or Domestic Violence Division may, at the discretion of the judge, be transferred back to the calendar from which it originated; and it is further

ORDERED, that any probation matter currently set or which may be set in the future in the Criminal and Domestic Violence Divisions shall remain on and be set on the calendar from which it originated; and it is further

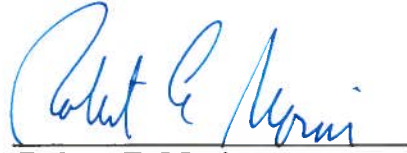
ORDERED, that upon approval by the Chief Judge, or his or her designee, a probation matter may remain with a sentencing judge who is not currently assigned to the original calendar, if the judge has special knowledge of the defendant or for other reasons as may be deemed appropriate, including, but not limited to, having presided over the trial or ruled on prior requests for revocation of probation; and it is further,

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect on January 1, 2020 and shall apply to all pending probation matters.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

DATE: November 26, 2019



Robert E. Morin
Chief Judge

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