

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EIGHTH CRIMINAL DIVISION SCHEDULING ORDER
March 31, 2021

WHEREAS, in instances of emergency conditions, whether natural or otherwise, that significantly disrupt access to the operations of one or more courts or other judicial facilities of the District of Columbia or the ability of the Judiciary to operate effectively, the Joint Committee and the Chief Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court may be required to determine the extent to which court operations or judicial functions shall be modified and continue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-947(c), the Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court issued an emergency order dated March 18, 2020, and on May 14, June 19, August 13, November 5, 2020, January 13, 2021 and March 31, 2021 extended such order, suspending all statutory and rule based timelines and streamlining the operations of the court;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT all detained and non-detained hearings currently scheduled in remote or partially remote courtrooms shall remain scheduled on the date and time currently set; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that between March 31, 2021 and May 20, 2021, non-detained FELONY cases, including arraignments, sentencings, status, preliminary, and show cause hearings and non-detained non-jury and jury trials in the Criminal Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court shall be continued pursuant to the schedule set forth and attached hereto as Addendum A (rescheduled cases), which shall be incorporated by reference into this Criminal Division Scheduling Order¹; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all hearing dates in diversion cases (including Deferred Sentencing, Deferred Prosecution and Stet cases) set on or after April 1, 2021 shall proceed on their originally scheduled date, but be heard in a remote courtroom – Courtroom 312-R for cases prosecuted by the United States Attorney Office (USAO) and Courtroom 313-R for cases prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all citation arraignment dates previously scheduled on or after June 23, 2021 shall remain set on the same date, but be heard in a remote courtroom – Courtroom 312-R for cases prosecuted by the USAO and Courtroom 313-R for cases prosecuted by the OAG; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all citation arraignment dates previously scheduled from April 1, 2021 through June 23, 2021 shall be rescheduled in a remote courtroom – Courtroom 312-R for cases prosecuted by the USAO and Courtroom 313-R for cases prosecuted by the OAG - to a date between May 10, 2021 and June 23, 2021. The revised schedules for Courtroom 312-R and Courtroom 313-R will be posted on the Court's website; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other non-detained misdemeanor hearings set on or after May 10, 2021, including sentencings, status, and show cause hearings and non-detained non-jury and jury trials shall be converted to status hearings and proceed on their originally scheduled date for a remote status hearing in remote Courtroom 116-R, with all defendants and attorneys

¹ Any non-detained felony case that was previously scheduled to take place in a remote courtroom shall proceed as scheduled.

appearing remotely;² and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all non-detained misdemeanor hearings scheduled from April 1, 2021 through May 10, 2021 shall be rescheduled in remote courtroom 116-R, with the revised schedule posted on the Court's website;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that individual judges need not issue orders in each of their cases to effectuate the schedule in Addendum A. If individual judges find it necessary to amend the schedule in Addendum A, it may be amended in any given case by individual order issued from the judge's chambers. Any individual chambers order shall supersede this Criminal Division Scheduling Order.



Juliet J. McKenna
Presiding Judge, Criminal Division



Danya A. Dayson
Deputy Presiding Judge, Criminal Division

² Any non-detained misdemeanor case that was previously scheduled to take place in a remote courtroom other than 116-R, shall proceed as scheduled.

ADDENDUM A-RESCHEDULED CASES

NON-DETAINED FELONY CASES SCHEDULED BETWEEN April 1, 2021 and May 20, 2021

- ALL HEARINGS previously set in a remote or partially remote courtroom, including PRETRIAL AND PROBATION Show Cause Hearings, shall NOT be continued and will proceed forward as scheduled.
- ALL OTHER NON-DETAINED FELONY CASES, INCLUDING ARRAIGNMENTS, STATUS HEARINGS, SENTENCINGS, PRE-TRIAL AND PROBATION SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS AND NON-DETAINED PRELIMINARY HEARINGS, NONJURY AND JURY TRIALS, will be continued to a further status date pursuant to the schedule below.

CONTINUED HEARING SCHEDULE:

CURRENT NON-DETAINED FELONY DATES	CONTINUED NON-DETAINED FELONY STATUS DATE
Thursday, April 1, 2021	Thursday, October 7, 2021
Friday, April 2, 2021	Friday, October 8, 2021
Monday, April 5, 2021	Tuesday, October 12, 2021*
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Wednesday, April 7, 2021	Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Thursday, April 8, 2021	Thursday, October 14, 2021
Friday, April 9, 2021	Friday, October 15, 2021
Monday, April 12, 2021	Monday, October 18, 2021
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Thursday, April 15, 2021	Thursday, October 21, 2021
Friday, April 16, 2021- NO CASES	NO CONT. CASES
Monday, April 19, 2021	Monday, October 25, 2021
Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Thursday, April 22, 2021 NO CASES**	Thursday, October 28, 2021
Friday, April 23, 2021 NO CASES**	Friday, October 29, 2021
Monday, April 26, 2021	Monday, November 1, 2021
Tuesday, April 27, 2021	Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Thursday, April 29, 2021	Thursday, November 4, 2021
Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, November 5, 2021
Monday, May 3, 2021	Monday, November 8, 2021
Tuesday, May 4, 2021	Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Wednesday, May 5, 2021	Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Thursday, May 6, 2021*** NO CASES	Thursday, November 11, 2021 *** COURT CLOSED
Friday, May 7, 2021 *** NO CASES	Friday, November 12, 2021
Monday, May 10, 2021	Monday, November 15, 2021
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Thursday, May 13, 2021	Thursday, November 18, 2021
Friday, May 14, 2021	Friday, November 19, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021	Monday, November 22, 2021
Tuesday, May 18, 2021	Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Wednesday, May 19, 2021	Wednesday, November 24, 2021
Thursday, May 20, 2021	Monday, November 29, 2021****

* Indigenous People's Day

**Bench Bar Conference

*** Judicial Training

**** November 25, 26 Thanksgiving Holiday