



**FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE REGARDING FELONY CRIMINAL COURT  
CALENDARS/HEARINGS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020**

As we continue to monitor the ongoing developments regarding the COVID-19 virus, and with the entry by the Florida Supreme Court of AOSC20-23 (Amendment 8) on November 23, 2020, the eight (8) felony judges within the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, Florida, hereby modify the previously implemented Notice(s) as set forth below and until further Order/Notice. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding, as we take all steps necessary to maintain judicial workflow to the maximum extent feasible while also endeavoring to protect the public health.<sup>1</sup> Please check [duvalclerk.com](http://duvalclerk.com) for court dates. Speedy trial has been tolled.

All matters set forth in the Third Amended Notice Regarding Felony Criminal Court Calendars/Hearings in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, In and For Duval County, Florida remain in full force and effect unless specifically addressed herein.<sup>2</sup>

Further, all matters pertaining to ***In-Custody Defendants*** remain unchanged and as set forth in the Third Amended Notice Regarding Felony Criminal Court Calendars/Hearings in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, In and For Duval County, Florida. Until further Order of Court, all In-Custody Defendants shall continue to appear for all hearings via Zoom.

***Effective December 1, 2020***, until further Order of the Court, all hearings involving ***Out-Of-Custody Defendants*** shall take place by Zoom. Out-Of-Custody Defendants will not be permitted to physically appear in the courtroom for any pre-trial

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<sup>1</sup> See Sec. I, AOSC20-23 (Amendment 8) entered November 23, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> All regular personnel, including all attorneys, interpreters, witnesses, probation officers and court reporters shall continue to appear via Zoom. Personal appearances are prohibited unless specifically authorized. Please contact the appropriate division Judicial Assistant for the Zoom meeting ID number.

hearings. This includes arraignments, pre-trial conferences, hearings on motion, evidentiary hearings, and/or hearings on rule. Should any Defendant object to attending any hearing via Zoom, counsel for said defendant shall set forth the objection in writing or *ore tenus* on the record.

However, for cases in which an ***Out-Of-Custody Defendant wishes to tender a plea***, such a Defendant shall appear for the hearing at the ***Duval County Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Courtroom J-3***, at a time set by the presiding judge of the division in which said case is pending. Any hearings for any Out-Of-Custody Defendant to tender a plea shall be scheduled on the presiding division's day(s) for addressing cases involving Out-Of-Custody Defendants. More specifically,

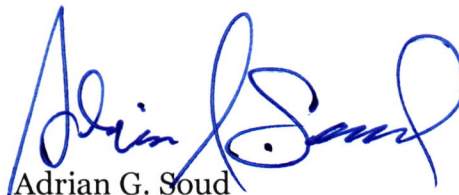
**In Divisions A-D:** Cases involving *OUT-OF-CUSTODY* Defendants will be handled on TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS of a given week.

**In Divisions E-I:** Cases involving *OUT-OF-CUSTODY* Defendants will be handled on MONDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS of a given week.

No later than **NOON the day before any hearing** at which an Out-Of-Custody Defendant will appear before the Court from Courtroom J-3 to tender a plea, defense counsel shall provide to the appropriate Judicial Assistant the name of the Defendant to tender the plea so that said Defendant's attendance may be made known to the appropriate bailiffs.

All procedures for cases in which a Defendant desires to tender a plea set forth in the Third Amended Notice Regarding Felony Criminal Court Calendars/Hearings in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, In and For Duval County, Florida, remain in full force and effect.

Please continue to check [duvalclerk.com](http://duvalclerk.com) for court dates and [jud4.org](http://jud4.org) for courthouse updates and changes. We will update with any changes in court procedures as the situation warrants.



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