

**VIRTUAL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE (“PTC”) JULY 2020 &  
OTHER PROCEDURES INVOLVING CRIMINAL CASES**

DIVISION 11 – JUDGE DENISE KIM BEAMER

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\* As of 6/24/20

Due to the current health crisis, COVID-19, and the Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 4 (June 16, 2020), Judge Beamer will be conducting virtual PTC for the month of July 2020 via GoogleForms and virtual hearings.

Pre-trial Conference (“PTC”)  Wednesday, 7/1/20	<p><b>GoogleForm Responses for July Virtual PTCs are due Monday, 6/29/20.</b></p> <p>The Court will conduct virtual PTCs where the appearance of the State and Defense are required <b>IF:</b></p> <p><b>(a) no response is received by Monday, 6/29/20 by COB via GoogleForm;</b> <b>(b) any party requests to appear virtually;</b> <b>(c) case is set for trial; or</b> <b>(d) are selected by the Court to appear for a virtual PTC <u>hearing</u>.</b></p> <p>If the Court determines a PTC hearing is required, you will be notified by Tuesday, 6/30/20 and provided with a <b>link</b> to join the virtual PTC along with a <b>specific time</b> to join the meeting.</p> <p><b>Virtual PTCs will be conducted on Wednesday, 5/27/20 @ 9am.</b></p>
Trial Case Management (“TCM”)	Effectively cancelled
Trial Dates	Pursuant to Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-23, Amendment 4 (June 16, 2020) all criminal jury trials are suspended “... until 30 days after the chief judge of a judicial circuit has determined that the circuit or a county within the circuit has transitioned to Phase 2 pursuant to Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 1.”

**STEPS FOR VIRTUAL PTCs:**

1. To begin the virtual PTC, go to this link and fill out the virtual form:  
<https://forms.gle/VnZSPrAmDwRswodV6>
2. A copy of the form you filled out will be emailed to you. *Forward a copy of this “receipt” to opposing counsel (ASA).*
3. If applicable, **electronically file your Motion to Continue.**
4. **Email to the JA your Proposed Order Granting/Denying Motion to Continue to the JA** (Sheri Bouffler [CTJASB2@ocnjcc.org](mailto:CTJASB2@ocnjcc.org) Phone: 407-836-2091).
5. **Possible Outcomes:**
  - a. If the parties are ready for **TRIAL or is seeking a CONTINUANCE**, the case will likely be continued to the September PTC or later.

b. **PTD & Specialty Courts:**

- i. PTD LEVEL II: If the Defendant is entering into PTD Level II (Drug-related charges), a future status /date will be set on 9/18/20 @ 9am.
- ii. PTD LEVEL III: If the Defendant is entering into PTD Level III (original PTD), the case will be taken off the docket. If the Defendant fails to comply with all PTD conditions, the case will re-appear on the Court's docket.
- iii. SPECIALTY COURT: If the Defendant is entering into a Specialty Court program (i.e., Drug Court, Veterans Court, Mental Health Court), the JA will reach out to you and set a future status date.

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**FYI - Division 11 Future PTC Dates (subject to change)**

	SEPTEMBER 2020 DATES	OCTOBER 2020 DATES	NOVEMBER 2020 DATES
PTC	9/9/20	10/14/20	11/18/20
TCM	9/17/20	10/22/20	11/25/20
TRIAL DOCKET	Beginning 9/21/20	Beginning 10/26/20	Beginning 11/30/20

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*Important*  
**INFORMATION**

- Effective Monday, 6/29/20, all criminal divisions in the Ninth Judicial Circuit for Orange County will be sliding back to a modified Phase I. As a result, no inmates and out-of-custody Defendants will be permitted to appear in our individual courtrooms (attorneys may appear, if they wish).
- Only out-of-custody pleas and arraignments will be heard, in-person. At the courthouse, we will have “courtrooms” set up in the Jury Assembly Room (180). From these “courtrooms,” the out-of-custody Defendant and their attorney will be connected to the Judge *virtually* for pleas and arraignments only. In-custody Defendants will appear virtually from BRC for pleas and bond hearings. All other hearings and matters will be heard, if possible, virtually.
- Division 11 will be having a virtual division meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2020 via Microsoft Teams @ 1:15pm (you may appear in courtroom 9A to attend live). If you are interested in joining the virtual meeting, please contact my JA for a link. During this meeting, we will be discussing the modified Phase I procedures.

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*Thank You*

Thank you for your hard work, patience, and understanding during this challenging time. Court procedures are in a state of flux and we constantly receive new information related to the current health crisis.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me or my JA via email (Sheri Bouffler [CTJASB2@ocnjcc.org](mailto:CTJASB2@ocnjcc.org)) and phone 407-836-2091.

Please be safe.  
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