

## PROCEDURES FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY CRIMINAL MARCH 17-27<sup>TH</sup>

All essential matters will be heard on a daily basis beginning at 2 p.m. in the IA room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor

ESSENTIAL MATTERS: 1. Bond hearings, 1<sup>st</sup> time bond hearings. Repetitive bond motions are not essential, neither are revocations for FTAs or new charges. You may request the division judge grant a hearing on bonds for FTA or new charge but it is within their discretion.  
2. Bond/release for incompetent defendants arrested on violation of conditional release.  
3. Pleas for in custody and felony cases.

Attorneys are to come to IA room. Defense counsel may elect to be at the jail for pleas.

PLEA PROCEDURES: Plea forms are required for felonies but not misdemeanors. If the defense counsel elects to be at the jail you must have previously reviewed the scoresheet.

BOND PROCEDURES: all attorneys are to come to IA room. If you have witnesses, please limit the number. YOU MUST advise the JA setting the hearing of the witnesses' names so that security will let them in the building.

SCHEDULING: please schedule all matters with the JA of the division to which they are assigned. The presiding judge will be on a rotating basis.

At present no out of custody pleas are being set. We are also not scheduling hearings. We are working on these issues and I hope to have an update by late tomorrow or Thursday.

These procedures are subject to change and to extension depending on the situation.

We will be posting updates on the circuit's Facebook page and sending them to Ben Wurtzel, CFACDL President for further dissemination.

We all appreciate your patience as we attempt to keep the courts functioning during these difficult and challenging times. Our priority in establishing these procedures is the safety of everyone who comes into contact with the court system

If you any questions please contact Judge Jon Morgan, Administrative Judge, Osceola County