

[pwcbbar] Circuit Court hearings for incarcerated defendants

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Dear Bar Members:

Effective immediately, incarcerated defendants will be brought to court from the ADC only for pleas, sentencing hearings and for any trial that the court may determine should go forward given the current public health emergency. The court's determination as to whether a criminal trial must be heard will be made on a case by case basis consistent with the Supreme Court's order of March 27, 2020. Defendants will appear by video for all other matters. Reminder that unincarcerated defendants do not need to appear for status and to be set hearings. Pleas, trials and sentencing hearings for unincarcerated defendants are to be continued pursuant to the court's order of March 16, 2020.

Tracy C. Hudson

Chief Judge

Circuit Court of the

31st Judicial Circuit

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