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Dockets on the first floor seem to be running smoothly, but we've heard indications that the crowding in the hallway is on the rise. As a reminder, please tell your clients not to bring friends and family unless they are integral to the case. The smaller courtrooms cannot accommodate large support sections; only litigants and attorneys will be seated in the courtroom.

Also, while everyone appreciates promptness, if you have an 11:00 case please don't have your client show up at 9:00; it defeats the purpose of the segmented docket, in both courtrooms 1 and 6. Obviously you'll want them there before the docket is called, but be considerate of those who are already in court.

Lastly, please, please, please give the probation desk a bit more room to breathe. They are generally confined to those small rooms and desk, and simply cannot function safely with the number of attorneys who are crowding into that area to speak to them. If you need to speak to someone from CSU, ask them to a less populated area or wait for a lull. No one wants to have to rope off that area again, but we are headed that way if things don't change there.

Thank you for considering the above points; if you have thoughts about alleviating crowding, please feel free to share them with me off list. We are working very hard not to reduce the docket levels we currently have, but we won't risk the health of you, your clients and our staff to crowd a few more cases in. We appreciate your help in this area. (And that's "we" as in all the judges and staff here; I try to avoid the royal "we" whenever possible.)

Have a great Valentine's/President's Day weekend.

D. Scott Bailey, Chief Judge

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