

## CRIM A SCHEDULING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Missouri Supreme Court's Order In re: Response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit's COVID-19 Administrative Orders 2020-053 and 2020-059, all high volume and certain other dockets will be rescheduled for Divisions 7 and 26 currently sitting in Crim A. The rescheduling is to minimize in person court appearances during the current Court closure period from March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020 ("closure date").

**NOTE:** *The court expects counsel in all pending matters to maintain contact in an attempt to further cases towards resolution.*

**BULK DOCKETS FOR EACH DIVISION:** These dockets consist of the Preliminary Hearing Dockets and Municipal Appeals in Division 26, and CAFA, the Arraignment Docket, and Settlement Dockets in Division 7. All such dockets will be set over to a new date likely two or more weeks beyond the current anticipated closure period. All counsel will be notified of the new court dates via the eCourt Filing System and unrepresented litigants by mail. Should the closure period go beyond April 3, 2020, it is anticipated that scheduling/hearings will occur to accommodate polycom and telephone appearances by counsel and defendants, similar to the procedure for Bond Review Hearings set forth below.

**BOND REVIEW HEARINGS:** These hearings are held each Monday at 2 p.m. for Division 26 and Thursday at 2 p.m. for Division 7.

- For confined defendants only: Defendants will appear only via polycom. All attorneys are to appear via telephone.
- To coordinate counsel's appearances, counsel should email the division on whose docket he or she is to appear *no later than 5 p.m. on the business day before* that specific docket both the attorney's telephone number where he or she can be reached **and** the name of the client. Division 7's email is: [Div7.cir16@courts.mo.gov](mailto:Div7.cir16@courts.mo.gov). Division 26's email is: [Div26.cir16@courts.mo.gov](mailto:Div26.cir16@courts.mo.gov).
- Both divisions will try to group the cases by attorney and will contact the attorney for his or her appearance for those cases. Each division's law clerk will email counsel the morning of the docket the anticipated time counsel will be contacted.
- If the defendant is not in custody, he or she may also appear by telephone either with counsel or via conference call. If the defendant's appearance is by telephone, please contact the division to coordinate his or her appearance. Counsel's request to waive attendance of the defendant or to continue the matter will be duly considered.

**INITIAL ARRAIGNMENTS (Pop Docket) and EXTRADITIONS:** Will remain as scheduled.

**ORDERS OF PROTECTION AND PROBATION VIOLATIONS (Division 7 only):** All cases will be continued at least two weeks out beyond the closure period. *All ex parte orders will remain in effect. Law enforcement has been advised of this.* The Protection Order Unit has been directed to spread out the continued cases and a limit has been set for all dockets for the next six or more weeks. It is anticipated that additional dockets will be added to accommodate the additional cases. **For questions regarding Orders of Protection only, please call that office at 816-881-6316.**

**If you have questions regarding court dates, please check CASE.NET or email the respective divisions at the email addresses indicated in this notice. Attorneys are responsible for informing their clients of the new court dates.**

The current shutdown is a hardship on all parties and counsel. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We are willing to work with you to accommodate your scheduling issues. Thank you, Judge S. Margene Burnett and Judge R. Travis Willingham