

Common Pleas Connection

General Division

June 2021

HEARING CHANGES-JUNE 14TH

The following changes to the hearings held in the General Division took effect on June 14, 2021.

Judge David M. Gormley's Hearing Procedures:

All criminal and civil hearings will be conducted in-person unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail on the following types of hearings, unless otherwise ordered: arraignments, bond violations, pre-trial conferences, community control violation hearings, and intervention violation hearings. Attorneys are required to appear in-person unless otherwise ordered, as are any testifying witnesses, crime victims, or other interested persons who want to listen to or watch courtroom hearings or trials.

In-custody defendants will appear in-person on the following types of hearings, unless otherwise ordered: change of plea hearings, sentencing, evidentiary hearings, and trials.

Judge James P. Schuck's Hearing Procedures:

Most criminal and civil hearings will provide for the option to appear either in-person or via Zoom. If the court is requiring in-person appearance, it will be noted on the online docket.

Generally, in-person appearance is required for evidentiary hearings, trials, and preferred when the attorney's client is appearing in-person.

In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail unless ordered to be in-person by the court. Generally, in-person appearance for in-custody defendants will be required for evidentiary hearings, certain sentencing hearings, and trials.

Initial Appearance Docket Procedures:

The initial appearances scheduled at 1:00 p.m. daily before a magistrate will provide for the option for counsel to appear either in-person or via Zoom. In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail.

For detailed procedures on any hearings conducted via Zoom, please visit our website.

Attorney Consultation Update

The in-custody attorney consultation rooms have been updated to add phones that provide a direct line to communicate with your client. You are still able to communicate with your clients without using the phones, but there is now the additional option to speak through the phone system.



Staff Spotlights

Alexis Hartman joined the office as a Staff Attorney/Magistrate for Judge Schuck. Alexis graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 2010 with a degree in Political Science, and received her Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School in 2013. While in law school, Alexis served as the Editor-in-Chief of the law review and was awarded the Dean's Excellence Award at graduation for her academic contributions to the university. Over the past eight years, Alexis worked in Cincinnati, Ohio as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the criminal divisions of the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and Clermont County Prosecutor's Office. She resides in Powell with her husband, Sean.

Jamie LaPlante joined the office as a Staff Attorney/Magistrate for Judge Gormley. Jamie graduated summa cum laude from OSU's Moritz College of Law in 2007. She began her career as an employment law litigator at two different firms in downtown Columbus. Before law school, she attended The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business, where she graduated summa cum laude with a major in Business Administration. She and her husband, Tim, reside in Powell and have three children, ages 7, 7, and 10.

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