

Common Pleas Connection

General Division

March 2022

UPDATED HEARING PROCEDURES

Judge David M. Gormley's Hearing Procedures

The following hearing procedures are currently in effect:

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 for pre-trial conferences. In-custody defendants will appear in-person for all other hearings, unless otherwise ordered.

Attorneys are required to appear in-person unless otherwise ordered.

Judge James P. Schuck's Hearing Procedures

The following changes to hearing procedures will go into effect on **April 1, 2022**:

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 for arraignments and bond hearings. In-custody defendants will appear in-person for all other hearings, unless otherwise ordered.

Attorneys are required to appear in-person for all hearings unless otherwise ordered.

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.

Local Rule Revisions

Proposed revisions to the local rules are posted to the website. Comments are due by March 23, 2022.

Intervention in Lieu Motions-Judge Schuck

Please note that going forward, Judge Schuck will require motions for intervention in lieu of conviction to be filed **no later than 2:30 p.m. on the day prior to the first trial date**. This policy will be reflected in his arraignment entries.

Fingerprint-Photograph-DNA Processing



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office now is processing fingerprints, photographs, and DNA samples here at the courthouse for out-of-custody defendants.

When processing is required, the defendant will report down to the fingerprinting room located on Level 300 in the Adult Court Services lobby immediately following the hearing.

If a defendant is not present in the courtroom for their hearing, he or she can call **740-833-2777** to schedule a time for processing.

Staff Spotlight

Holly Graham has joined the office as the Specialized Docket Coordinator for both Judge Gormley and Judge Schuck. Holly graduated from Ohio State University in 2011 with a degree in Social Work, and later received her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2017. Over the past 10 years, Holly worked in the field of substance use disorders and mental health disorders at a non-profit community agency and continues to work in a private practice setting as she has for the past three years.

PRACTICE REMINDER

If you need to meet with your client prior to a court hearing, please make sure to arrive early to allow sufficient time to meet with your client before the hearing starts. Please be ready to start at the scheduled hearing time.