DIVISION IV REVISED JANUARY DOCKET INFORMATION

In light of the Supreme Court Order of December 22, 2020 suspending in-person proceedings with limited exceptions, we will go back to the procedures from the Spring where we do not have any in-person court except for the enumerated exceptions for incarcerated defendants as set forth herein.

- We will continue to have court on the days currently scheduled; however, we will **only take up cases for incarcerated defendants**. Court will start at 9:00 a.m.; the staggered docket times are no longer applicable.

- All cases for **individuals on bond** will be rescheduled as set forth below. For incarcerated defendants, please call my office or email me (931-648-5704; jbayers@mcgtn.net) NO LATER THAN noon on the day prior to the scheduled court date to advise if your client has an agreement or needs a hearing so we can safely schedule and manage those matters. TDOC will transport subject to changes at individual facilities.

- **Appearances/Arraignments**: As usual, arraignments and appearances for all defendants can be handled by written waiver. Please file those with the clerk's office prior to court. On **January 4**, appearances/arraignments for incarcerated defendants will be taken up via video as scheduled at 1:15 p.m. Please advise if you have been hired to represent an individual scheduled for video arraignment. For all other days, appearances/arraignments will be in person or a video time will be announced.

- In accordance with the 19th Judicial District's Comprehensive Plan regarding Limited In-Person Proceedings, on **Status/Progress** matters, attorneys should email me a current report on or before noon the day prior to the scheduled court date. I will review that information and assign a new court date. Attorneys will not appear. Cases set for **dismissal** will be dismissed unless either party brings to the Court's attention a reason not to dismiss. Attorneys will not appear.

- For all **defendants on bond** (unless attorneys have been hired and waivers filed), the January cases will be re-set as follows:

  January 4, 2021 will be reset to **February 17, 2021**
  January 6, 2021 will be reset to **February 3, 2021**
  January 7, 2021 will be reset to **February 22, 2021**
  January 22, 2021 will be reset to **February 24, 2021**

  Bonding Companies are responsible for making sure their clients are present on the new date. If the limit on in-person proceedings is extended through February, obviously these dates will be changed and notice will be provided.

  Hearings scheduled during the January trial term (1/19, 1/26, 1/28) will continue for incarcerated defendants. I will contact attorneys to reschedule matters for individuals on bond.

- I am also available to schedule virtual hearings for individuals on bond if all attorneys are in agreement. Please call my office to schedule same.