



Seventh Judicial Circuit Of Maryland

CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY

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MEMORANDUM

December 29, 2021

To: All Attorneys Entered in Cases Scheduled in the Circuit Court for Calvert County Beginning December 29, 2021 through February 8, 2022

CC: Kathy Smith, Clerk of the Court; Office of the State's Attorney for Calvert County, Maryland; Office of the Public Defender; Calvert County Bar Association

RE: Information regarding the Resumption of Phase III Court Proceedings in the Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland.

Greetings,

Pursuant to Chief Judge Getty's Interim Administrative Order issued on December 27, 2021, the Courts are moving back to Phase III of court operations as a result of the up-tick in COVID-19 cases (and the Omicron variant). Accordingly, I have been issued a new Administrative Order for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, herein attached.

As a result all jury trial dates (criminal and civil) have been converted to STATUS hearings during the resumption of Phase III. Only counsel and litigants will be allowed to enter the courthouse for all scheduled court proceedings. Any witnesses and/or family members must wait outside and will be allowed to enter the courthouse at the discretion of the presiding Judge. All requests to appear remotely must be filed by written motion with the Court.


Please note that Defendant's incarcerated at the CCDC will NOT be transported to the courthouse and will appear via Polycom or Zoom. Any requests for criminal Defendant's to appear in person shall be ruled on by the presiding Judge of the day of Court.

Domestic merits hearings are to remain as scheduled subject to the limitations stated above. It is anticipated the Judges may be conducting telephone conference calls with counsel/litigants to consider the logistics and/or ability of these matters going forward.

The Court asks that each attorney please share this information with their respective client(s). Additionally, each attorney should instruct their client(s) to direct any questions they may have to counsel first, and, if counsel is unable to answer it, counsel can, in turn, ask the Court. **It is VERY IMPORTANT for counsel to communicate this information to their clients.**

The Court also will post this Memorandum on the Circuit Court for Calvert County website and provide it to the Calvert County Bar Association for distribution to its members. Any communication or question regarding this Memorandum should be directed to Judge Chandlee's Law Clerk, Christopher Ruyter, at christopher.ruyter@mdcourts.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Chandlee
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County, Maryland