

**From: Chief Judge Sally Tarnowski**  
**Date: March 24, 2020**



All:

I want to update you as frequently as makes sense under our current circumstances. I know there are a lot of questions about what hearings will and will not be occurring.

I am not able to email everyone in the District, so I appreciate you forwarding my emails to people in your organizations, firms, bar associations, and counties so that all are informed.

As I said in my email yesterday, we are taking two weeks in this District to develop a plan. In the meantime, only those hearings expressly required in paragraphs 6 through 10 of the Chief Justice's Order of March 20, as modified by her Order of March 23, will be occurring and they will be occurring through remote technology wherever possible. If you have one of these cases, court administration will reach out to you about how you can appear. If you have a different type of hearing in this timeframe, you will be hearing from judges' court reporters and/or court administration to reset.

I do not yet have information about how we will be holding hearings after the two week period. That is one of the things we are using this time to develop. We are also working to get our court personnel in a position to be working from home. This involves working through connectivity issues and how we do our work. At the same time, we are developing new ways of holding hearings through remote technology. All of this is new to us as well as you.

I am asking that you be patient while we do this. I hope to be able to email you all by the middle of next week with the plan to handle hearings after the two week period is over. I will do so sooner if we are able to put that together sooner. And as I know more, I will share it with you.

In the meantime, I think it would be helpful if you direct your questions to me so that judges and staff are not answering the same questions for several different people. I can then answer common questions through a group email or follow up with you directly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sally Tarnowski