

JUDGE BABB'S PROCEDURES FOR JUNE 2020

Due to the most recent administrative order from the Florida Supreme Court, we will continue to handle all cases as follows:

EARLY RESOLUTION & ARR

All private counsel may appear by telephone. All clients' appearances are waived. The Public Defender may waive their client's appearance. Pro Se defendants shall appear in person for Early Resolution and Arraignment.

DOCKET SOUNDING

Private counsel may appear by telephone. The attorney must contact the Judicial Assistant with a telephone number and the Court will call you. Requests for continuances may be done by e-filing a Motion, contacting the State for any objection, and including the State's response on a proposed order through the portal to Judge Babb (48 hours prior to court date). The order must be a word document with all dates filled in. Contact the JA for future dates to include on the order.

The Public Defender may waive the appearance of all clients.

ARRAIGNMENTS

If a NOA has been filed on the case, no appearance by telephone is needed.

VOP HEARINGS

Counsel may appear by telephone and client's appearance is waived. If an in-custody case and a plea is negotiated, Inmates are all done at one time and the Court will call the attorney when ready to proceed.

OTSC

Counsel may appear by telephone and client's appearance is waived. All pro se defendants shall appear in person.

INFRACTION HEARINGS

All Infraction Hearings are continued to July and will be addressed at Night Court.

PLEA

Private attorneys may schedule an in-person or a plea in absentia. The Public Defender may schedule pleas with the JA if the client cannot accomplish a plea in absentia.

JURY TRIALS, NON-JURY TRIALS

All non-essential cases shall be continued to July.

Please email me with any questions. Judge Babb appreciates your patience and flexibility as we maneuver through these changes. This is subject to change but is our current plan.

