

## **VIRGINIA: IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the health and safety of court personnel and the general public, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of Virginia Beach announces the following changes to the court's December 14 through 18, 2020 dockets pursuant to the Supreme Court of Virginia's Orders of Judicial Emergency and §16.1-69.35(5), it is

ORDERED the court will hear cases scheduled on the Adult Criminal, Juvenile Delinquency, DHS (Department of Human Services), Protective Order, Traffic, and Duty dockets. The Duty docket includes all adult criminal and juvenile delinquency arraignments and detention hearings, emergency motions, and petitions for protective orders. The Clerk's Office will be in contact with attorneys and parties for afternoon contested cases to notify them whether the cases are continued. All other cases on the Civil (custody, visitation, support) and DCSE dockets will be continued.

Any agreements or consent orders for civil and criminal cases including motions to nolle prose, dismiss, or dismiss due to compliance may be submitted to the Court for entry. The Court will continue to accept agreed or consent orders filed with electronic signatures.

Only necessary parties should come inside the courthouse and the courtroom. Necessary parties are defined as the parties to a case and one parent/guardian in the case of a juvenile criminal or traffic matter. Any witnesses, other than police officers, DHS workers and probation officers, are to wait in their cars to be called into the courtroom when their testimony is needed. A party who intends to call a non-police officer or non-agency witness will be responsible for obtaining that witness' phone number to give to the courtroom clerk.

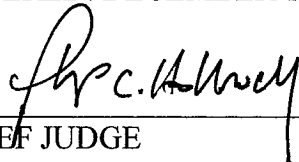
When clerks check in cases, they may obtain cell phone numbers from the parties and ask them to go back to their car until they are notified that their case will be called.

It is important that all attorneys and litigants are prepared and ready to proceed when their case is called. In order to avoid delays and to minimize the number of people in the waiting area, attorneys should make every effort to meet with clients, witnesses and to have settlement/plea negotiations away from the courthouse and not on the morning of court.

It is requested that parties contact each other and submit a letter to the court via email ([vabjdr@vacourts.gov](mailto:vabjdr@vacourts.gov)) with their available dates for any cases that are continued.

Any party who is not permitted entry into the courthouse, should immediately contact the Clerk's Office by telephone (757-385-4391) or email ([vabjdr@vacourts.gov](mailto:vabjdr@vacourts.gov)) for further instruction.

ENTERED: DECEMBER 10, 2020

  
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CHIEF JUDGE